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Histadrut incensed Basic food prices up 25%, fuel up 11%

Basic foodstuffs rose in price by 25 per cent at midnight last night, drawing an angry reaction from the Histadrut. Fuel prices were raised by 11 per cent.

The Treasury said the hikes are part of the agreement on cutting subsidies in Package Deal II. It said the workers will get compensation of IS1,650 for the price increases. The Consumer Price Index will rise by 1.25 per cent, because of the increases, it added.

The Histadrut will demand that the price increases be repealed, labour federation sources said last night. They reiterated that the Histadrut sees the increases as a branch of Package Deal II.

Earlier yesterday, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and Trade Union Department Chairman Haim Haberfeld warned that the Histadrut would "struggle vigorously" against what they termed the attempt to raise prices beyond the limits set by the package deal.

Speaking in Kiryat Gat yesterday, Haberfeld said that the Histadrut would not countenance increases of more than 15 or 16 per cent. Such increases he said, would be in line with the package deal, which provides for price rises of 12 per cent based on the inflation rate of the month, preceding the increases.

The Treasury insisted that package deal II stipulates that the prices of basic commodities should go up by 12 per cent beyond the inflation

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rate. Since February's expected inflation is 15 per cent, the hike is justified, it added.

Fuel prices rose by about 11 per cent at midnight, in line with the Energy Ministry's practice of adjusting prices to costs. The new prices are: (with the old one in brackets):

96 octane petrol - IS533 per litre (IS476),
91 octane petrol - IS452 (IS404),
kerosene - IS376 (IS336),
diesel fuel - IS360 (IS322),
cooking gas, per 12-kg. canister - IS7,210 (IS6,440),
cooking gas, central supply, per cubic metre - IS1,687.05 (IS1,506.50).

Among the new prices for food products: 750-gram standard bread loaf - IS81; regular halla - IS220; vegetable oil (630cc.) - IS770; margarine (200 grams) - IS215; milk (200 grams) - IS625; sour cream - IS131; cottage cheese - IS258; butter (100-grams) - IS181; 9 per cent fat white cheese - IS251; leben - IS79; eshel - IS85; milk (1 litre bag) - IS235; shoulder steak and eye-rib steak (per kilo) - IS4,480; brisket (per kilo) - IS3,040; frozen chicken (per kilo) - IS1,780 for no. 1 and IS1,840 for no. 3; and eggs - IS56 for no. 1 and IS51.5 for no. 3.

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Religious 'largesse' list causes raised eyebrows

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some of the religious institutions listed for "special" allocations by the religious parties only found out they had been slated for the largesse when they saw their names in the press.

This emerged during an inquiry by The Jerusalem Post into apparently unfathomable allocations. Today's Orthodox weekly *Erev Shabbat* describes the list as showing "ordinary discrimination, special discrimination and hair-raising discrimination."

Erev Shabbat provided the list of institutions published in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*.

"Institutions with 10 students get thousands and institutions with thousands get nothing," *Erev Shabbat* said of the list of intended allocations, which is apparently no longer valid now that the Knesset is working to establish objective criteria for distributing funds to religious institutions.

But the Knesset project has not diminished the interest - and wonder (Continued on Page 14)



Prime Minister Peres poses with his host Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu before their talks yesterday. At the right is Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman and behind Peres is Israel's ambassador in Bucharest, Zvi Brosh.

Suspected terrorist killed in IDF sweep

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. - A terrorist suspect was killed and several persons were arrested as the IDF yesterday continued its anti-terrorist search operations in five Shi'ite villages of Southern Lebanon, east of Tyre.

The homes of 13 residents suspected of harbouring or collaborating with terrorists were demolished.

According to an Associated Press report, the Lebanese Foreign Ministry had instructed Lebanon's UN Ambassador Rashid Fakhoury to "jodge a complaint with the Security Council against Israel's suppressive practices in occupied Lebanese territory."

Fakhoury was also instructed to "reserve Lebanon's right to call for a meeting of the Security Council to debate the Israeli practices," the radio reported.

In Dir Kanoun an-Nahar in Southern Lebanon, IDF forces spotted

three suspected terrorists. The suspects took to their heels and the soldiers opened fire. One terrorist was killed and two were wounded and taken prisoner.

In the village of Zarariya, four homes were destroyed and several persons arrested.

In Arab Salim, north of Nabatiya, eight houses were blown up, arms were confiscated and a number of persons were arrested. Another house was demolished in the village of Dir Tebe.

A large force of South Lebanese Army troops was still stationed yesterday in Arab Salim, where Aluf-Mishne (Col.) Avraham Hido was killed last Monday.

It is reported that the IDF yesterday deported from Southern Lebanon 38 residents of Arab Salim, as part of its crackdown.

The curfew on the village, imposed since Monday, was partially (Continued on Page 14)

Peres asks Ceausescu to induce Russia, China to alter Mid East stance

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BUCHAREST. - Prime Minister Peres yesterday asked Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu to try to improve relations between China and Israel, and to try to blunt the edge of Soviet hostility towards Israel. If this were accomplished, Peres said, then Israel could consider a UN-sponsored international conference on the Middle East.

The premier warned newsmen last night against exaggerating the import of this viewpoint. The two conditions would require a real revision in the long-standing policies of these two superpowers and UN Security Council permanent members, he said.

Nevertheless, Peres did not demur at a possible analogy between his talks with Ceausescu yesterday, and those of ex-premier Menachem Begin here eight years ago, which contributed substantially to Sadat's peace initiative. "There could be a comparison (to the Begin talks)," Peres said. "That, at any rate, is how President Ceausescu sees our meetings."

Peres met twice with the Rumanian leader. For 4½ hours from mid-morning to mid-afternoon, and then again for an hour, alone, in the early evening. The second session was not scheduled.

Peres said Ceausescu still strongly favours an international peace conference as the best method of peace making in the Middle East. Peres

said he had explained at length Israel's staunch objections to this approach.

"You would have one party there with whom you have no relations (China), another which has cut relations (Russia), a third which seeks to destroy you (Syria), and the PLO...." Peres said.

Peres found, though, that Ceausescu was advocating possible variations to a full-dress international conference - in particular a UN-sponsored peace effort to be launched and mediated by the secretary general.

"I told him: you must persuade us that the UN can work for peace with impartiality."

Peres made it clear last night that a major purpose of his visit to Ceausescu had been to explore possible "avenues towards the East," that is, towards the two great eastern superpowers.

Peres declined to specify what he expected Ceausescu to do following their conversations. Plainly, though, he is hoping that the Rumanian president will convey Israel's concerns to Peking and Moscow.

Peres acknowledged candidly last night that Ceausescu had maintained his high opinion of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. "Arafat means business," Peres quoted Ceausescu as saying. "Ceausescu thinks the Amman accord is the first time the PLO has accepted that there must be a negotiated solution in the Middle East. He sees it as a turning point."

Ceausescu had urged Peres to ignore the disunity within the PLO

ranks provoked by the Amman accord. "No one can get a unanimous agreement," Peres quoted the Rumanian leader as saying.

Peres took issue with this assessment, and stressed the PLO's continued use of terrorism as a political weapon.

Peres said he had urged Ceausescu "not just to listen to what Arafat says, but to watch what he does."

The prime minister said that he had casually suggested to Ceausescu that he visit Israel and have a taste of "our winter sun." Ceausescu had replied that "you need peace, not just sunshine."

At yesterday's meeting at Communist Party headquarters, Peres was flanked by Minister without Portfolio, Ezer Weizman and Ambassador to Rumania Zvi Brosh. During lunch, though, he and Ceausescu moved away from their aides to hold a private chat.

According to the Israeli sources, Peres spoke forcefully about the PLO's continued use of terrorism as a political weapon. At this meeting, the sources said, Ceausescu did not offer to mediate contact between Israel and the PLO. They said the atmosphere had been very good, despite the obvious difference of approach to Middle East problems which surfaced as expected.

The Israeli sources said Ceausescu had expressed gratification at the Peres government's decision to quit Lebanon.

Diplomats in Bucharest say Rumania's public criticism of Israel (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Two shells land on southern Golan

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. - Two shells were fired yesterday at the southern Golan Heights from the region where the borders between Israel, Jordan and Syria meet. No one was hurt and there was no damage.

The head of the Golan Heights regional council, Eitan Lis, yesterday urged Defence Minister Rabin to meet with him to discuss what he

termed "the grave deterioration" in the security situation of the Golan Heights.

Lis said that in recent months there have been several shelling of settlements of the Golan and in the Jordan Valley, and a further 155 build are needed in the Golan to build bomb shelters.

Reuters reported from Damascus yesterday that Abu Musa's dissident Fatah group said its fighters,

operating in Jordan, shelled a settlement in Galilee yesterday, killing and wounding many Israelis.

A spokesman for Assifa military wing of the dissident Fatah faction said they used heavy rockets in the attack against the settlement east of Tiberias.

The rockets accurately hit their targets, setting some installations on fire and killing and wounding many Israeli settlers, the spokesman said.

Burmese Jews in India talking aliya

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. - Leaders of a community of Burmese Jews living in India have expressed an interest in settling in Israel, according to Labour Knesset Member Rabbi Menachem Hacohen.

Hacohen, just back from a fortnight's tour of the subcontinent, met with the Jews, who trace their lineage to the lost tribe of Menashe, in both Bombay and Calcutta. The community, which calls itself the Tribe of Mazourah, is said to number "many thousands," and lives in Manipur, in the state of Assam near the India-China border. They claim to have migrated to Burma from China many centuries ago.

The first Mazourah Jews whom Hacohen met were at the Ort school in Bombay. The boys at that school, he said, wear *kippot* and observe the *mitzvot*. Later, Hacohen met with a delegation of the leaders of the tribe in Calcutta and discussed aliya with them.

The purpose of Hacohen's trip, sponsored by the World Zionist Organization's aliya department, was to investigate the possibility of bringing the 6,000-7,000 Jews remaining in India to Israel. In recent



Labour MK Rabbi Menachem Hacohen poses recently with a group of Mazourah Jews at the Ort school in Bombay.

years, Hacohen said, annual aliya from India has dropped by two-thirds from about 300 immigrants a year in the early 1970s to 100 in each of the past few years. Hacohen, who as rabbi of the Moshav Movement was also instrumental in bringing religious articles of the Cochin Jewish community to Israel 11 years ago, this time sought to locate Tora scrolls and other religious objects left behind by the 25,000 Indian Jews who have already immigrated to Israel.

In his travels across India Hacohen visited 12 Jewish villages in the interior. "The Jews of the villages," he said, "are mainly farmers and have many children." Since the Indian authorities have set no restraints on immigration, he said, "it

can be assumed that they will indeed come, as soon as suitable arrangements have been made."

But Hacohen reported "very serious problems" among the Jews remaining in some of the urban centres, as a result of extreme poverty and mixed marriages.

In his report to aliya department head Haim Aharon, Hacohen said he had recommended asking the Chief Rabbinate to send a religious court of three judges (*dayanim*) to India to untangle the potential personal-status problems of the potential immigrants.

Hacohen, who was on his fourth visit to India, also suggested that the aliya department send an emissary to Bombay to work with the potential immigrants.

Rabbi Goren backs Yosef on Ethiopians

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former Ashkenazi chief rabbi Shlomo Goren yesterday joined his Sephardi colleague, former chief rabbi Ovadia Yosef, in publicly calling for the acceptance of the Ethiopian immigrants as full Jews with no conversion ceremony.

Goren, who told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had already begun working to bring the Ethiopians to Israel in January 1980, said that he based his decision on the rulings of the late Ashkenazi chief rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Hacohen Kook, and Rabbi David Ben Zimra (the Radbaz), who lived in Egypt 500 years ago.

"Who are those who act contrary to rulings by such giants?" Goren asked, referring to the current chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliahu, who have insisted that the Ethiopians undergo a symbolic conversion ceremony.

Goren admitted that he too had "suggested" to the Ethiopians that they go through the ceremony, adding that they had done so willingly. But he said that the Radbaz had specifically ruled that if all or most of the community recognizes the laws of Judaism, they must be accepted.

Goren said there was no problem of *mamzerut* (illegitimacy), as both Ethiopian marriages and divorces were not religiously binding.

Goren said he has had numerous inquiries from various groups, including religious kibbutzim, asking if it is permissible to count the Ethiopians as part of a *minyan* and to call them to the Tora. "I assured them," he said, "that it is not only permissible, but a *mitzva* to call them to the Tora."

Court turns down car-allowance appeal

The Jerusalem District Labour Court yesterday turned down an appeal by Broadcasting Authority employees to receive car allowances because they did not own cars or have driver's licences.

The court rejected the workers' argument that the car allowance represented a "fictitious" payment designed to supplement salaries rather than an allowance to cover real expenses. (Itim)



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	Yesterday's	Humidity	Min-Max	Today's
Jerusalem	79	5-7	5	5
Golan	86	4-7	5	5
Safed	79	2-4	3	3
Haifa Port	64	10-12	10	10
Tiberias	51	11-16	14	14
Nazareth	68	8-19	9	9
Afula	72	9-10	9	9
Shomron	82	6-10	9	9
Tel Aviv	62	12-14	12	12
B-G Airport	61	12-14	12	12
Jericho	50	14-18	15	15
Gaza	30	14-15	12	12
Beer Sheva	53	10-12	10	10
Eilat	47	14-20	15	15

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Lilian Cornfeld, nutritionist, will speak in English to Tel Aviv seniors of AACI on "Easy Cooking For One or Two" on Tuesday, February 26, 4 p.m. at Beit Hamlin, Tel Aviv.

Confiscated sausages ordered returned

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Pork sausages confiscated from a Ramat Gan shop in January must be returned to the shopkeepers they were taken from, a magistrates court judge ordered here yesterday.

The owners of the Ramat Gan shop, Avraham and Zehava Bertfeld, have requested that the municipality return the sausages, which they said were confiscated by Ramat Gan rabbinical-council inspectors who broke into their storage and took 70 sausages. The owners also claimed there is no city-law permitting the confiscation of pork sausage.

Levinson College slated for Beit Berl

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut, Bank Hapoalim and Ampal are to set up a Ya'acov Levinson College at Beit Berl, near Kfar Sava, to train labour movement cadres. Beit Berl is the Labour Party educational center.

This was announced by Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kesson on the first anniversary of Levinson's death. The entire labour movement leadership congregated in the Tzavta Theatre hall for the occasion.

Armed men grab Ramat Gan gems

RAMAT GAN. — Jewelry worth \$500,000, \$53 million in cash and a bundle of cheques were reportedly stolen from the Golan-Melechet Mah'shevet plant in Rehov Modin here.

Three armed and masked robbers waited outside in the morning for the plant's employees to show up. When the foreman arrived, they forced him to unlock the front doors. Then they waited for the arrival of the manager, who had the keys to the safes. After emptying the safes they escaped.

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HOME NEWS

Manufacturers seek prices above ceilings

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Ministry of Industry and Trade is being swamped with applications from manufacturers and importers for permission to raise their prices above the ceilings set by Package Deal II's price freeze.

But, said Price Commissioner Ze'ev Galmor this week, a "substantial number" of the requests will be rejected outright "because they do not meet the current criteria."

According to the ministry spokesman, revised guidelines for justifying higher prices will make it tougher for the manufacturers and importers than previously.

"Up until now," she explained, "a manufacturer's or importer's production and/or marketing costs were

the factors taken into account when considering his request for higher prices. Now, in Package II, we have changed the rules of the game."

"We also want to know what his profit margins were during 1984. If these appear reasonable, then the commissioner will probably turn down his request for price increases, regardless of his higher production and sales costs."

Meanwhile, the price-freeze appeals committee this week removed from control prices of automobiles with engines exceeding 1800 cc. in size. The reason given was that less than 10 per cent of all private car sales in the country involve this type of vehicle.

As for cars up to 1300 cc., ceiling prices will be adjusted once a month

in line with an agreement between the Transport and Finance Ministries on import tariffs and deposits, purchase taxes and dealers' profit margins. Those margins are to be limited to 18 per cent, down from a maximum of 26 per cent allowed during Package Deal I.

Cars with engines between 1300 cc. and 1800 cc. — exempted from price control last time — are now under control, with dealers' maximum profit ratios set at 22 per cent.

Next week, the appeals committee will decide whether to apply price controls to certain fruits and vegetables — as requested by the Histadrut — and whether to permit price increases for 20 locally made products with a high energy-cost component

in their manufacture.

In the first two weeks of Price Freeze II, the ministry reported, about 500 summonses were served on manufacturers and vendors of goods and services who violated the maximum price levels announced on February 4. The ministry hopes the courts will bear down hard on the violators, who were uncovered during 6,000 spot checks made by ministry inspectors. In addition, more than 400 written and oral complaints from the public have been followed up.

Unlike Price Freeze I, when most of the violations involved failure to display prices or quoting prices in dollars, the situation now is that a substantial number of summonses are being issued for price-gouging.

Shamir says pullback won't affect territories

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — "Let no one make the big mistake (of thinking) that Israel's decision to withdraw from Lebanon will have an impact on other areas. Lebanon is not Eretz Israel and Eretz Israel is not Lebanon," Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Shamir said last night.

He was talking to reporters at the Rambam Hospital after visiting soldiers wounded in Lebanon.

Shamir said the steps the IDF is now taking in Lebanon to prevent attacks on IDF soldiers are justified. "We must do everything we can to stop the attacks or at least reduce

them to a minimum."

The acting premier said that yesterday's Katyusha rocket fire on the Golan Heights from Syrian-controlled territory was not a first.

He thought it too early to view the shelling as a Syrian escalation "and we'll have to wait and see how things develop."

Asked about the attempt to establish a settlement at Tel Rumeida in Hebron, Shamir said it would not excite anybody. There is a standing government decision to establish a Jewish settlement in Hebron, and the tel is part of Hebron, he said. This is contrary to Prime Minister

Peres' view that there is no decision to settle Tel Rumeida and that the settlers must go.

Shamir, who was asked how he felt about the IDF leaving Lebanon, since he had been one of the ministers who had decided on the 1982 invasion, said "the objective was not to stay there, but to remove the PLO terror danger from our northern border. We have removed it. But I am convinced that we have not achieved arrangements to prevent their return and can only hope that the IDF will find means of keeping them away and preventing them from harassing our Galilee settlements."

In answer to an Arab reporter about a "new policy" towards Israel's Arabs, the acting premier said: "If there is a new policy, I don't like it and I hope we'll soon debate the issue in the cabinet."

In a speech to Herut members later, Shamir warned the U.S. against any peace initiative not based on the Camp David agreements, break up the unity government and put off peace.

He said current Arab initiatives are intended only to put a wedge between Israel and the U.S.

Nissim and Levy finish draft of Liberal-Herut merger pact

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Premier David Levy and Justice Minister Moshe Nissim yesterday completed drafting the merger agreement between Herut and the Liberals. But it is still far from clear whether the agreement will be acceptable to the two parties.

The draft is the first practical step towards a merger, but is still subject to amendments and much political haggling when it comes before the two parties' central institutions.

According to the draft, the new party will be known as the Likud Movement, or the Likud National-Liberal Movement.

Members of either party can automatically become members of the new party.

In the founding convention, Herut and La'am, which are merging now, will have 64 per cent of the delegates. The Liberals will have 36 per cent. Yesterday many Herut secretariat members, who heard about the draft from Levy, argued that the Liberals will thus be grossly over-represented, with well over a third of the share, because they do not have

the corresponding vote-getting potential.

It was further agreed that for the next (12th) Knesset, seats will be divided according to a predetermined formula. But while Nissim suggested that of the first 48 slots on the Likud list, 30 go to Herut, and 18 to the Liberals, Levy proposed freezing the status quo in which Herut has 32 seats and the Liberals 16. This, too, is criticized in Herut where it is considered that the Liberals are over-represented.

A parity committee is to decide between the two proposals.

Nissim estimated yesterday that the process will be completed in two months and that a unity announcement will be possible prior to the Histadrut elections.

But Nissim's optimism is not universally shared. Anti-merger Liberals plan a gathering at Kfar Hamacabiah in Ramat Gan on Sunday to demand that no move be made before the Liberal convention is held. Among the participants will be Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dultzin, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat and Rehovot Mayor Yehezkel Har-melech.

IDF accuses newsweekly of harming state security

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The IDF yesterday accused the *Koterei Rashit* newsweekly of harming state security. The IDF censor is considering sanctions against the weekly, which published the name of a senior officer suspected of slaying one or two of the terrorists captured in the hijacking of an Egged bus to Gaza last year.

The article was an attack on the defence establishment for "trying to gloss over the entire affair," and an accusation that military censorship was trying to whitewash it.

The magazine recalled that two hijackers were killed when the army freed the hijacked passengers in the Gaza Strip last April. It said that Tat-Aluf (Brig-Gen.) Yitzhak Mordechai, the chief paratrooper and infantry officer, was seen leading away the two others.

Since then, three teams have investigated the incident. The first

established that the two terrorists had been taken off the bus alive; the second prepared a file for the state's attorney; and a third, headed by State attorney Yona Blatman, was appointed to examine the investigation's findings.

"Friends of Mordechai say he and the senior officer who was with him had turned the terrorists over alive to General Security Service men. They say Mordechai beat the terrorists while interrogating them, but that he wasn't the only one," *Koterei Rashit* said.

The army spokesman accused *Koterei Rashit* of "seeking every means to increase their circulation, even at the price of breaking the law and harming security." *Koterei Rashit*, the spokesman said, was motivated by "serious economic problems."

The justice ministry spokesman said later the investigation is expected to end within two months.

Bechora Banai, at 90

Bechora Banai, mother of actors Yossi and Gavri Banai, their four brothers and one sister died early yesterday morning in Jerusalem. She was 90 years old.

Bechora, whose family immigrated from Persia over 100 years ago, was born in Jerusalem and was known for her wisdom and folk stories. Five of her six living sons — Yossi, Ya'acov, Avraham ("Albert Perot"), Gavri and Haim — are actors. (Itim)

Meyer Katz, 68

Myer Ellis Katz, who died on Tuesday evening, was a pioneer of Jewish education in South Africa and a leading member of the Jewish community there until his aliyah in 1982. He is to be buried at 11 a.m. today in the Holon Cemetery.

As principal of the Herzliya Jewish day school in Cape Town from 1955 for over 20 years Katz was the man most responsible for its growth, from a small experiment in national-traditional Jewish education into a network of Jewish educational institutions in the city encompassing thousands of students.

Born in Lithuania in 1917, Katz immigrated to South Africa with his family in 1926.

Katz served on the world executive of Herut Hatzohar after his aliyah. He is survived by his wife Frieda and four children.

Labour council against firing railway workers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The labour council yesterday said it opposes the proposed firing of 250 employees of the Israel Railways. The proposal was made by the Ministerial Economics Committee. The council noted that an inter-ministerial committee recently said the railways are understaffed.

Ne'eman wants S. Lebanon annexed

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Conditions in South Lebanon are now ripe for Israel to extend its sovereignty over the region, since Eretz Yisrael runs up to the Litani River. Tehiya Party chairman Yuval Ne'eman said in a statement to the press yesterday.

Even if the government does not annex South Lebanon, the Tehiya leader said, it should plan to keep the Israel Defence Forces on the Litani and from 20-25 kilometres beyond the river for many years to come.

Ne'eman said that the IDF should

expel from this zone all Shi'ites and other elements not ready to cooperate with Israel. Another "Fatahland" must never again come into being, he said.

Also yesterday, MK Amal Nasser e-Din (Likud) urged the government to form mobile strike forces to harass terrorists north of the Litani. The area between the Litani and the international border should become a military-government zone controlled by the Border Police and the South Lebanese Army. All Lebanese unwilling to accept the occupation should be expelled from there, the Druse MK said in a letter.

NII sued for missing man's pension

A Jerusalem woman has sued the National Insurance Institute for pension payments for her husband who disappeared in Haifa in April 1983, on the grounds that legally he is still alive.

Tzila Kaplan filed suit in the Jerusalem District labour Court, saying that the NII stopped remitting pension payments for her husband, Dr. Rafael Kaplan, after he disappeared. The woman argues that she is entitled to receive her husband's pension until it is proved that he is dead. The NII has not proven his death, she says.

Kaplan further argued that if the court accepts the NII's claim that on the basis of all the available facts there are grounds for suspecting that her husband is dead, then he should be declared "missing." Then, only after seven years have passed and failing evidence to the contrary, he should be declared "dead."

Two men found dead in their cars in TA

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two men were found dead in their automobiles in Tel Aviv yesterday. In both cases, attempts to revive them failed.

A Magen David Adom ambulance driver found Yosef Ben-Zion, 50, lifeless in his car parked in the MDA parking lot. A physician attached to an intensive-care unit called to the spot declared him dead. It is believed Ben-Zion tried to reach the MDA for care but arrived there too late.

In the second case, passersby stopped an MDA ambulance in Sderot

Rokah and told the driver they had seen a man "asleep" in a car in the Yarkon Park parking lot. Attempts to revive him failed. The man was later identified as Haim Hershkovitz, aged about 65, of Rehov Koveshe Aza, Ramat Gan.

Egypt's defence head

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egyptian Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala flew to London yesterday on his way to talks in Washington on Egypt's defence needs, military sources said.

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over the Lebanon war stopped as soon as the government announced its withdrawal. The president had warm words for Weizman, recalling that Anwar Sadat had spoken highly of him during the crucial stages of the Israel-Egypt peace process. "I, too, admire generals who turn towards a course of peace," Ceausescu added.

Peres and Ceausescu agreed on

the need to bolster commerce and tourism between their two countries, and there are to be further discussions on a ministerial level.

The two leaders reviewed ongoing economic involvement by their two countries "in third countries," according to Israeli sources. The sources did not explain whether this referred to ties with Third World countries, with Eastern bloc countries, or with both.



Mother's Day was marked at the Shekem stores yesterday.

Madrid trounces Tel Aviv in European basketball semis

Post Sports Staff

Not since 1976, when they were hammered 125-78, have Maccabi Tel Aviv taken such a drubbing in Madrid's Sports Pavilion. Last night Maccabi made the Israeli champions look like a team of beginners as they rode mercilessly to a 100-76 victory in their European Cup basketball final pool game.

Only Kevin Magee, pulsating with power in the first half, and Aulcie Perry kept Maccabi alive for a while.

On defence, Real was stupendous.

Lineups and scorers were: Maccabi: Aroesti 4, Perry 12, Ben-kowitz 12, Magee 37, Johnson 21, Lassoff, Kadman, Lipen and Silver. Real Madrid: Robinson 12, Fernando Martin 21, Corbala 5, Iurriaga 34, Jackson 28, Romay and Antonio Martin.

But all is not lost: Real had to win to stay in the running for a place in April's cup final, and Maccabi could still gain a place in the final by winning their two final games against Cibona Zagreb and Bologna. Cibona improved their chances by beating Bologna 96-89 Wednesday night.

No results in U.S.-Soviet Mideast talks

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. yesterday said it has not planned any additional meetings with the Soviet Union on the Middle East, following the two days of talks in Vienna this week between Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Richard Murphy and his Soviet counterpart, Vladimir Polyakov.

The talks did not result in any agreements, a State Department spokesman said. The Arab-Israeli conflict, the situation in Lebanon, the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the Iran-Iraq war were discussed. "But, as we said in advance, we were not attempting to reach any

agreement or understanding," he said.

"The meetings, nevertheless, were useful in clarifying each side's policies and positions," he continued. "They were conducted in a businesslike atmosphere."

The Administration has been sharply criticized from pro-Israel supporters and hardline conservatives for agreeing to the talks with the Soviets in the first place. This was underscored yesterday in William Safire's column in *The New York Times* in which he blasted the Vienna talks as a betrayal of Israel. The last formal U.S.-Soviet meetings on the Middle East took place in 1977.

Arafat says armed struggle will go on

CAIRO (AP). — PLO Chief Yasser Arafat served notice in an article yesterday that "armed struggle" will continue despite recent agreement with Jordan on a joint strategy for negotiations with Israel.

"The PLO's political movements aim at creating a proper international climate for achieving our national rights, namely self-determination and the establishment of an independent state" on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Arafat wrote in the Cairo daily *Al-Arham*.

"But experience gained by the PLO and other liberation organizations makes us feel certain that such political movements cannot accom-

plish desired objectives unless accompanied by military pressure on Israel and escalation of armed struggle in occupied territories," he said.

He called on the Arabs to mass all their economic and military resources to adjust the power balance with Israel. He said the balance is currently tilting in favour of Israel.

"Within this framework, the PLO political struggle remains an effective means for gaining international sympathy," Arafat said, citing recent UN General Assembly resolutions supporting self-determination for the 1.3 million Palestinians living on the West Bank and Gaza.

Abu Nidal said alive, plans killing King Hussein

PARIS (AP). — Sabri al-Banna (Abu Nidal) the PLO dissident leader reported dead last October, accorded an eight-hour interview which is to be published today in the monthly magazine *France Arab World*. Lucien Bitterlin, the interviewer, said

yesterday. In the interview, Abu Nidal announces that he intends to "mount operations against Americans in the coming months," and that his organization "has decided to execute King Hussein."

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The Family

Court to Ata manager: 'Fire 400 in week, or close'

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AIFA - The District court yesterday instructed Ata manager Eliezer Barr to dismiss 400 employees within a week, or the company will be closed.

Judge Eliezer Barr made this a condition for accepting the recovery programme submitted to him by Barr.

Barr said he could not permit the company's debts, which have risen in the past few months from around \$26

million to \$33.5m., to continue growing.

Efficiency measures have to be implemented immediately and the dismissals proposed by Peleg in the recovery programme are the first stage, he said.

The Jerusalem Post learns that a month's salary for the 400 workers totals about \$350,000.

Barr said he will reconvene the court next Thursday. If he does not hear from Peleg by then that the dismissals have been implemented,

the company will close at midnight, he said.

Peleg warned that it will be difficult to carry out the dismissals in such a short time. Arrangements to compensate workers and to ensure pension rights for those nearing retirement have not yet been made, he said.

He called on the government, which has pledged \$1.2m. towards the compensation payments, to fulfil its promises.

Pinhas Groob, chairman of the

works committee of Ata's plants in Kiryat Ata and Kerdaneh, was pessimistic. He described the judge's decision as a "death blow."

The recovery programme calls for the workers to give up a month's salary every year for five years and invest 4 per cent of their earnings in the company in return for shares with voting rights.

Peleg's programme calls for the dismissals of a further 225 workers within 18 months.

Police believe highway robbers got wrong courier

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two men who assaulted and robbed the driver-messenger of the postolic Delegate to the Holy and near Latrun on Tuesday night are probably after a shipment of diamonds, police sources said yesterday.

The Vatican diplomatic pouch, containing communications from Rome, was stolen in the attack, in which the driver, according to his account to the police, was kidnapped, blindfolded and assaulted. The documents, said police, left Rome shortly after the meeting between Prime Minister Peres and Pope John Paul II in the Vatican.

Rufus Edra, 56, was found by police on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway beside his car, and was hospitalized.

The driver told the Jerusalem police that he picked up the regularly scheduled pouch at Ben-Gurion Airport on Tuesday evening and, as usual, chained it to his wrist.

On the way back to Jerusalem, he was stopped not far from Latrun by two men in a van who ordered him to get out.

One of the two assailants held him at gunpoint while the other blindfolded him.

Edra said he was driven around for an hour or more, while the assailants considered what to do with

him. According to Edra, the assailants eventually took him back to his car, near the Latrun interchange.

When Edra demanded that the assailants return the documents, he was assaulted with a knife, suffering a slight wound in the shoulder, police yesterday reported the driver as saying.

One of the assailants shouted at him as they left: "We don't care about your Vatican or your Peres," police said the driver told them. Edra told police that he could not tell if the assailants were Arab or Jewish, but said that they spoke "a combination of bad Hebrew and bad Arabic."

According to the police, Edra claimed he followed the van on a roundabout back-road trip through the area but eventually the pain in his shoulder made him faint.

The police on Wednesday searched the area for evidence - including the missing pouch.

According to police sources, "It is probable that the assailants had the wrong man. If they had waited for a man carrying a manacled briefcase at the airport, it was probably for a diamond merchant. The documents are of no value to them, so they may have thrown them away."

Edra was to be released from hospital last night.



This pickup truck's two passengers were injured late Wednesday night when the vehicle skidded in the rain, hit an electricity pole, and overturned on the Jerusalem-Neve Ya'acov road. (Elihu Harari)

Travel agents pose over 100 queries on tax

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - The travel agents' representatives yesterday presented customs with over 100 questions about the new tax on travel tickets.

The tax went into effect earlier this week and the travel agents must collect it. But Gershon Magon, the head of the Israel Tourist and Travel Agents Association, said some points are unclear and some do not make sense.

The tax will not be levied on a ticket bought abroad and sent to a recipient in Israel. But if the airline carries its Israel office to issue the ticket, the recipient will have to pay the tax, even though the ticket was paid for abroad.

These regulations open the door to many tricks, Magon added. The Treasury "shot from the hip," without consulting the experts, Magon charged.

Many people will be exempt from payment, including new immigrants, temporary residents and their immediate families on condition they use their foreign currency (Patah) accounts to pay for the trip. Returning Israelis, or Israelis who live abroad and come for a visit are also exempt, according to the regulations the customs has distributed.

Musical evening for Peres at Bucharest synagogue

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BUCHAREST - It was a moving moment and Prime Minister Peres was visibly affected when Rumania's Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen intoned the ageless Jewish oath. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand lose its cunning..."

The scene was the Jewish cemetery here yesterday. A brief but solemn ceremony in the frosty morning haze at the monument to the immigrant ship Struma, whose 769 hope-filled passengers, Rumanian Jewish refugees from wartime Europe en route to Palestine, drowned in the Black Sea.

Half of the pre-war Rumanian Jewish population of 800,000 died in gas chambers - a relatively low proportion compared to other great Jewish communities of eastern Europe.

Of the remainder, all but some 23,000 have since moved to Israel, in a mass wave in the 1950s followed by a steady trickle which continues to the present day.

Of the Jews still living here, more than half are elderly. Under Rosen's leadership and with substantial support from the Joint Distribution Committee, they maintain full and well-organized religious and social institutions which are encouraged by the Ceausescu regime.

A Yiddish Theatre in the capital, funded by the state, puts on productions nightly, with simultaneous Rumanian translations provided for non-Yiddish speakers. In the evening Peres had a chance to meet

with more of the Jewish community at a colourful, musical gathering staged in his honour at Bucharest's Choral Synagogue.

"Israel loves you and is waiting for you," the premier told the packed congregation. "Every tenth Israeli Jew is Rumanian - and we are proud of them. The more Rumanians come the prouder we are, and the more we love them."

Peres praised Ceausescu for enabling Rumania's Jews to maintain a rich cultural and community life, and for allowing family reunions with relatives in Israel.

He also expressed his "deep appreciation" for Ceausescu's help in achieving the peace with Egypt. "I believe my invitation here today was intended so that we should seek additional paths to peace together," he said.

Peres, a large black kippa on his head, addressed his enthusiastic audience in Hebrew, and was translated phrase by phrase into Rumanian.

After Rosen led a prayer, a lively musical medley of Hebrew and Yiddish songs was performed by several Jewish youth choirs, all resplendent in white-and-blue apparel. A small but vigorous string ensemble seated in the front accompanied the vocalists.

Ambassador Zvi Brosh kept looking anxiously at his watch and whispering to the premier. But Peres tapped time with his foot and seemed to be enjoying this break from a rigorous day's schedule.

Four escapees are still at large after Jerusalem breakout

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem police last night were continuing the search for four men who broke out of the Russian Compound lock-up yesterday.

Six men made the post-midnight escape, but two were caught within two hours.

According to police sources, a tiny hacksaw blade was used to cut through a bar on a window of the lock-up, where 14 prisoners - most being held on suspicion of various crimes ranging from car theft to drug sales - were being held.

A guard at the main gate saw two

figures fleeing the area. Officers were promptly sent to the cellblock to prevent further escapes.

Four of the six escapees were Arabs and two Jews. Two of the Arabs were captured when a taxi driver who picked them up near Damascus Gate had suspicions of

their desire to go to Hebron at 2 a.m. He notified his station, which informed the police and the two were picked up in Talpiot.

Two weeks ago, another suspect managed to escape from the headquarters when he was momentarily left alone in an interrogation room.

HISTADRUTELECTIONS FOCUS III

Roy Isacowitz

Kessar seen banking on economic stability until May 13

TEL AVIV - The scheduled Histadrut election date, May 13, was carefully chosen by the labour federation's Alignment leadership. It falls a few days before Ramadan, thus ensuring the full participation of the pro-Labour (or, at any rate, anti-Likud) Arab sector. It also comes two days before the publication of the usually high April consumer price index.

Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and his central committee colleagues held off deciding an election date until the second economic package deal was safely in the bag. With the agreement signed, the elections were scheduled to fall during the period of price control, but sufficiently long after the first price eruptions to allow the economy time to regain equilibrium.

If all goes according to plan, a chastened but not over-anxious working public will go to the polls in mid-May. Admittedly, the voters

will be paying more taxes and higher prices for subsidized goods, but they will be compensated by the moderate and graduated price rises throughout the economy.

The intention is to go to elections in as calm an atmosphere as possible, with the Histadrut and the government firmly established in the public mind as partners in the effort to rejuvenate the economy. For the Histadrut leadership, the optimum atmosphere would be one of "the worst is behind us."

Cabinet ministers, among them Finance Minister Modai and Economics Minister Ya'acobi, have said that no further economic measures (such as the recent increase in travel tax) will be imposed in the near future. That commitment was tailored (if only unintentionally) to meet Kessar's requirements.

Nevertheless, things do not always turn out as expected in the Israeli economy, and Kessar's road is stud-

ded with potential time-bombs. Things could go badly wrong by May 13.

The first problem is the inherent instability of the second package deal. Modai agreed to price rises far below those he thought necessary, and is expected to stretch the letter of the agreement as far as he possibly can. That will naturally meet with stiff Histadrut opposition, as was indicated last night in unofficial reaction to the 25 per cent hike in prices of subsidized foods reported on page 1. It will also threaten the stability of the delicately balanced price structure, if the price limits specified in the agreement are not strictly adhered to. Kessar will not have his economic calm on election day.

Even if Modai does not wilfully exceed the limits of the package deal, the government may not be able to prevent the imposition of further harsh economic measures for the next three months. With foreign-

currency reserves dwindling and the Americans demanding widespread reform as the price of additional economic aid, three months is a long time to tread water.

The spectre of unemployment and the Histadrut's best efforts have combined to produce a period of industrial calm that is astonishing in a time of such economic turmoil. But, below the surface, the unions are seething, especially with regard to inflation-induced wage erosion.

Finally, there is the overriding problem of growing unemployment. Histadrut officials were dismayed by the Treasury's failure to allocate specific resources to dealing with the problem in its budget bill.

Gallop unemployment could upset all Kessar's plans. No matter how successful he is in persuading the workers that he acted in their best interests, those without jobs are unlikely to vote for his continued leadership.

Bomb thrown at Hebron bus station

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A bomb was thrown yesterday at the old central bus station in Hebron and exploded harmlessly.

Military sources said the bomb fell short of the station, hitting the side of a nearby building.

Several suspects were arrested and the incident is under investigation, the sources said.

In Halohul, an Egged bus was stoned and some of its windows were smashed, but there were no casualties. The army closed stores in the vicinity.

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Israelis in U.S. protest new travel taxes

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yisrael Shelanu, the Hebrew-language New York-based paper for Israeli emigrants, is organizing a petition campaign against the travel tax and for the right of emigrants to vote in Israeli elections while living abroad.

In its latest issue, the paper used the slogan "No Taxation Without Representation" (the cry of the rebels at the time of the Boston Tea Party in 1773) to demand the franchise in exchange for the travel levy, which it opposes. The collected signatures will be brought to Israeli consulates and the embassy in the U.S.

According to a front-page article, news of the hike in the travel tax to \$150 and the levy of a 20 per cent tax on airline tickets bought in Israel "aroused angry reactions" among

Israelis living in the U.S. Many of them, said the paper, telephoned Yisrael Shelanu to say they intend giving up their Israeli citizenship in protest against the taxes.

The paper also quoted lawyers specializing in Israeli matters in the U.S. who had received requests from emigrants to arrange cancellation of their Israeli passports. One such lawyer told the paper that his office filled out 100 such requests since the tax was announced.

An official of the Israel consulate in New York said that only a "handful" of Israelis had called to make appointments for this purpose.

Weekend likely to be cold but dry

BEIT DAGAN - The weatherman here yesterday predicted a cold weekend but without rain or snow, with temperatures going down by several degrees.

The weatherman said there might be rain on Monday.

Mount Hermon now has 2 metres of snow, he added.

Bail for suspects in fake medicines case

The Supreme Court yesterday released on bail the three members of the Abu Saeina family accused of selling phony medicines.

The three are charged with various counts of fraud. (Itim)

10% cuts suggested for Israel Broadcasting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 10 per cent cut in the budget for fiscal year 1985/86 has been listed for discussion on the weekly agenda of the management committee of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

The management committee recently approved a \$51 million budget, but the Treasury believes it to be excessive. The Treasury wants to budget \$46m. According to a senior IBA official, any cut in the budget will be reflected in programming.

Meanwhile, the Broadcasting Authority is bogged down by a multi-million dollar deficit for the current fiscal year.

Adiv parole board to be changed

The composition of the Prisons Authority parole board dealing with the case of Ehud Adiv, who is serving a 17-year jail sentence for his part in a Jewish-Arab espionage ring, tried in 1972, will be changed, according to an arrangement reached yesterday.

Adiv applied to the High Court of Justice to order the removal from the board of Dr. Zano Feldman, whom Adiv regards as prejudiced against him.

A compromise was reached at the court yesterday in which Adiv withdrew his application and the state agreed to a change in the composition of the board. (Itim)

PESSAH - An exhibition of Jewish costume, food and music will be held at the Jerusalem Laromme Hotel this coming Sunday and Monday from 7:30 p.m. to benefit the annual Pessah fund organized by Rabbani Bracha Kapah.

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8.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., March 11, 1985, for U.S. businessmen, U.S. Government employees and other employed and self-employed U.S. taxpayers.

Personal Tax Assistance: March 12 and 13, 8.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., and March 8, 11, 12, 1.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m. and March 13 - 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

UK miners, gov't dig in after negotiations fail

LONDON (Reuters). - The British coalminers' union voted to press ahead with its 11-month-old strike yesterday after the collapse of the latest settlement moves, making it almost certain the dispute will go into a second year.

The government declared that it too is ready to fight on, with Energy Minister Peter Walker saying the time for talking is over and calling on miners to abandon the strike.

The two sides were digging in after the failure of mediation efforts by a group of trade-union leaders trying to bring them together for their first formal talks in almost four months.

The bid faltered on the issue which sparked the strike last March - whether mines should be closed on economic grounds.

Leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) rejected what

the mediators called the "best and final" offer from the state-owned Coal Board on Wednesday night on the grounds it involved no concession on pit closures.

Yesterday they won clear backing from a conference of more than 100 union delegates, who voted that the strike should go on.

Walker told a radio interviewer he was disappointed and put the blame squarely on NUM President Arthur Scargill.

"I am afraid there will not be more talks. Miners will have to decide whether they want to go to work and take what is on offer or whether they want to stay behind Mr. Scargill shouting his revolutionary intentions," he said.

The collapse of the initiative left the government and its Coal Board pinning their hopes on an acceleration of the long erosion of the strike.

Cairo awaiting foreign bids on 1st nuclear power station

CAIRO (AP). - Energy and Electricity Minister Maher Abaza said yesterday Egypt is evaluating offers from American, West German, French and Italian firms to build and finance its first nuclear power station.

Speaking at a news conference, Abaza said the award decision, to be taken by a committee of legal and technical officials of the Planning Economy, Justice, Finance and Energy Ministries, is expected in May, nearly one year after the originally planned date.

He said Egypt is waiting for the concerned western governments to guarantee financing the nuclear station, which is scheduled to go on line by 1992.

The U.S. has offered Egypt \$250 million as part financing for a bid by Westinghouse and Bechtel. The West German government has

pledged \$645m. to guarantee a bid by Kraftwerk Union.

The French and Italian governments also have made an unspecified offer to guarantee the bid by a consortium from the two countries.

Abaza said the American and West German offers were to build one nuclear reactor estimated to cost \$2.4 billion. He said the French-Italian offer is to build two reactors for which he gave no cost estimate.

"The number of reactors we build depends on our final evaluation of the offers," he said.

Egypt plans to build eight nuclear reactors in the next 20 years to cover around one-third of its expected energy consumption. Abaza previously said nuclear power would meet 40 per cent of energy consumption, but yesterday he said that goal is "a bit exaggerated."

Soviets sign accord

VIENNA (Reuters). - In what was described as an "act of goodwill" and a "great and important step towards nuclear non-proliferation," the Soviet Union yesterday signed an agreement here with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), placing some of its peaceful nuclear facilities under full international safeguards.

From time to time, the Soviet Union will make available to the agency a list of these facilities.

Publisher killed

ATHENS (AP). - The publisher of a conservative Athens daily was shot dead yesterday as he drove to his office in the city centre, police said.

Nicholas Moutferratos, publisher of *Apoghevmatini* (Afternoon), was killed by three gunmen who pumped bullets through the closed window of his limousine at a busy intersection, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said Moutferratos' driver also was killed in the attack.

Thatcher in Washington:

'No ready-made answers' to U.S., UK economic issues

WASHINGTON (AP). - British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher winding up her three-day visit in Washington, said yesterday there are no "ready-made answers" to economic sore points between her country and the U.S.

Meeting with reporters, she also recommended the U.S. broaden its dialogue with the Soviets on arms control.

Taking note of the recent surge in the value of the dollar, she said, "We're well aware of problems of the mounting strength of the dollar and its problems for the rest of the world. I'm afraid we haven't any ready-made answers."

She said she found in her discussions with President Ronald Reagan on Wednesday and with Treasury Secretary James Baker III and other cabinet members yesterday, a general recognition that the mounting U.S. deficit was a problem which

must be dealt with. But that solutions to be problem were not agreed upon.

"I found ... there is a recognition of the need to get the deficit down ... but the question is by how much and how to do it," she said.

The prime minister said market forces may be able to turn around the strong dollar but that she was not sure how or when that might occur.

She said she told American leaders during her visit that the U.S. would be "better likely to get good results" if it broadened its talks with the Soviets to include a variety of the top Soviet leaders.

She said this became clear after her talks with top Soviet official Mikhail Gorbachev, who visited London recently. "If we are to get better results in arms control talks, we need more discussions and dialogue," Thatcher said.

Genscher quitting as Bonn party leader

BONN (Reuters). - West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher steps down as leader of the Liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) this weekend in an apparent bid to heal internal divisions and to reverse the party's flagging fortunes.

Genscher, 57, is to hand over the party chairmanship to Economics Minister Martin Bangemann at a congress in Saarbrücken aimed at ending more than two years of upheaval and often acrimonious policy disputes within the FDP.

The longest-serving foreign minister in the West after a decade in office, Genscher has said he is standing aside because government work leaves him too little time to deal with

party affairs and prepare for an election due by 1987.

However, leading FDP officials say he has responded to party pressure for a new leader to help to overcome deep internal rifts left by the FDP's switch from a coalition with the Social Democrats (SPD) to an alliance with the conservatives in 1982.

According to opinion polls, the party, with 35 members in the 520-seat Bundestag, at present has the support of only three per cent of the electorate.

This puts it well below the minimum of 5 per cent of the votes needed to secure a place in the assembly and would mean political annihilation in an election.

400,000 Americans may have Aids

BOSTON (AP). - The medical cost of the Aids epidemic will exceed \$500 million this year, and a federal fund may be necessary to pay for treatment of the catastrophic disease, researchers conclude in a report issued yesterday.

The researchers estimate that at least 400,000 people in the U.S. have been infected so far with the suspected Aids virus HTLV-3. The disease is so new that no one knows what proportion of these people will actually get Aids, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Recent surveys show that the infection is spreading rapidly among homosexuals who live in cities other than New York and San Francisco,

where the disease was first concentrated.

"Given what is already known about the high and rising seroprevalence (blood evidence) of HTLV-3 in known risk groups and the potential for spread to other populations, the implications of the presence of this virus in a community are staggering," the researchers wrote in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The report, which summarized recent findings about the scope of the epidemic, was written by Dr. Sheldon Landesman of Downstate Medical Center in New York City and two physicians from the National Institutes of Health.

S. Africa alters policy following black riots

CAPE TOWN (Reuters). - The South African government announced a major concession yesterday in plans for the mass removal of blacks from townships near Cape Town that have caused rioting in the Crossroads squatter camp and elsewhere.

The government announced a reversal of plans to remove tens of thousands of blacks around Cape Town who have the right of residence. Black opponents of apartheid described it as a panic reaction to rioting.

The measure would not affect many residents of the Crossroads camp, near Cape Town, "illegals" and squatters who lack residence rights and remain under the threat of resettlement.

Crossroads was quiet yesterday after 18 blacks died in clashes this week sparked off by fears that removal to a controversial new township at Khayelitsha was imminent.

Outbreaks continued, however, in other townships across South Africa, where black discontent has led to disturbances in the past year in which about 200 people have been killed.

Police used birdshot, rubber bullets, tear gas and whips to disperse crowds of blacks numbering up to 2,000.

A black man was killed in a clash at Seisoville, in the Orange Free

State, police said. Riots were reported near Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape and Kimberley, Northeast Cape.

Cooperation, Development and Education Minister Gerrit Viljoen, responsible for black affairs, said the government had approved the introduction of 99-year leasehold rights for blacks in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu townships.

The concession applies to about half the 250,000 blacks around Cape Town having the right of abode, but does not apply to "illegals" and squatters who have flooded in from poor tribal homelands without the permits required under apartheid laws.

Meanwhile, seven opponents of the government appeared in a Durban court yesterday in preparation for what lawyers expect to be the country's most important treason trial in a quarter of a century.

The five black and two Indian defendants, including United Democratic Front (UDF) President Albertina Sisulu, wife of jailed black nationalist leader Walter Sisulu, were remanded until March 15, when it will be decided whether they should be detained until the trial itself.

The seven were seized in a nationwide swoop last Tuesday and will join eight opposition leaders already in detention.

'Harsh opponents' win seats in Kuwait parliamentary vote

KUWAIT (Reuters). - Kuwaitis have chosen a new national assembly, opting for surprise changes which diplomats say signal mounting concern over government social and economic policies.

Results announced yesterday for Wednesday's election show that over half the 50 members voted into the next assembly - the only elected Persian Gulf Arab parliament - will be new.

Despite frequent allegations during the election of bribery and other irregularities among candidates, diplomats hailed the government's handling of the polls as "a model of fair play."

"The fact polls are held at all in this region is unique. On top of that, they've let in some harsh opponents," said one.

Islamic fundamentalists again won a handful of seats to consolidate the

foothold they gained in the 1981 elections.

Kuwait bars political parties. But tribal, religious and other affiliations create broad streams of opinion.

Arab nationalists, the opposition in the 1960s and 1970s until the then emir suspended parliament in 1976, scored a five-seat comeback after failing dismally four years ago.

They seek to diversify the oil-reliant economy, to widen the franchise, and to institute constitutional changes which would reduce the power of the ruling family.

As expected, conservatives will again dominate the assembly. But they appear now to include a broader circle of so-called reformists and technocrats prepared to question state policy.

The number of voters was 56,848 - a select group of males who make up a mere 3.5 per cent of Kuwait's 1.7 million people.

New Caledonia rightists defy France

NOUMEA, New Caledonia (Reuters). - Five leaders of a right-wing anti-independence party in France's troubled Pacific territory of New Caledonia said yesterday they would ignore an order by French special envoy Edgard Pisani to leave.

Police served orders on the five following clashes between police and militant independence-seeking Kanaks, local Melanesians, in the nickel-mining town of Thio last Sunday.

Pisani, mediating between the Kanaks and white settlers opposed to independence, blamed the Caledonian Front Party for provoking the fighting in which 11 people were injured.

The violence erupted after right-wingers held a picnic in Thio, a Kanak militant stronghold on the coast.

The five Caledonian Front leaders said they had no intention of complying with the orders which require

them to leave the territory by midnight local time on Monday.

During a visit to New Caledonia earlier this year, President Francois Mitterrand pledged that the Thio mine would be reopened as a sign of return to normality on the island.

But the mine, where production was halted last November when Kanak militants barricaded roads, is still not working.

'Ducky' Nash, at 80

BURBANK, California (AP). - Clarence "Ducky" Nash, the squawky voice behind Donald Duck for 50 years, died Wednesday of leukemia. He was 80.

Nash became a Disney employee in 1933 and retired 14 years ago. Nash visited Israel last year and participated in celebrations marking Donald Duck's 50th birthday.

'Bulgaria forces Turks to change names and religion'

ANKARA. - Turkey is voicing concern over allegations that ethnic Turks in Bulgaria are being harassed, but is using quiet diplomacy to tackle the issue.

Parliament discussed the charges Wednesday behind closed doors to avoid dramatizing the subject. Six Turkish Foreign Ministry officials and Turkey's ambassador in Sofia, Omer Lutem, addressed the session.

The government says it has evidence that ethnic Turks are being forced to take Bulgarian names and to drop Islam, but has not confirmed news reports vigorously denied by Bulgaria that up to 500 have been killed.

A Western diplomat in Ankara told Reuters his country had "reasonably firm" reports that 200 people who resisted the change had been killed.

Foreign Minister Vahit Halefoglu

told the Bulgarian ambassador in Ankara this week that if the charges were untrue, Bulgaria should allow diplomats and journalists to visit the areas.

Turkish newspapers yesterday reported the government had decided a seven-point policy on the question. This included a close watch on the situation, lobbying other Moslem countries and possibly turning to the UN.

The reported policy also included sending trucks that are heading to Europe on a Black Sea ferry to Rumania rather than overland through Bulgaria.

A Reuters correspondent tried to visit one of the main Turkish-populated areas in Bulgaria this month, but he was turned back at official road blocks. However, two Bulgarians in the area told him there had been shooting and one said there had been deaths.



If it is true that ethnic Turks are being forced to take Bulgarian names, the reason is unclear though some reports say Sofia wants to minimize the numbers of Turks for a census due later this year.

Turkish officials say the issue has been smouldering for some time and that the Turks in Bulgaria have effectively been deprived of rights to education, to use their language and practise their culture.

Turkish newspapers, using letters and messages from Bulgarian Turks, have quoted many examples of indi-

viduals forced to take Bulgarian names.

The daily *Gunaydin* on Wednesday printed a picture of four-year-old Kenan Evren, namesake of the Turkish president, who it said was now called Kamen Angelov Karabashov.

About 100 relatives lobbied parliament Wednesday, and many have been passing their information to journalists. Reuters has seen three letters which confirm the name-change drive, but do not speak explicitly of deaths.

One of them, from the town of Ruse on Bulgaria's border with Rumania, talked of "incidents" on January 24 and 25.

"It is no lie to say our names are being crossed from the books. When we were helpless, when nobody came to our aid, our blood turned to lakes, our tears were like a flood," the letter said.

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Sports

Perkis wins

Post Sports Staff
Shahar Perkis scored another victory in the \$375,000 Pilot Pen Classic at La Quinta, when he defeated Hans Schwaier of West Germany 6-1, 6-7, 7-6, who upset Guillermo Vilas in the first round. Schwaier is ranked 88.

The tournament has been noteworthy for the blowing away of several seeds. Unseeded Ben Testerman knocked out second-seeded Hendrik Sundstrom 7-5, 6-3, and unseeded David Pate eliminated another highly regarded Swede, Joakim Nyström, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Four of the top seven seeds, and eight of the 16 seeds, have been eliminated. Top seed Jimmy Connors was given a fight and a fright by qualifier, Shalaby Zaidi of Yugoslavia, who was only beaten by Connors 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 after a switch in which Zaidi, aged 21, served nine aces. Aaron Krichstein got through easily against Jan Gunnarsson 5-4, 6-1.

Friday bandwagon

Post Sports Staff
TEL AVIV. - The Friday soccer bandwagon is gathering momentum. If today's action is any indication of what is going to happen, it seems that the Friday aficionados will soon gain at least parity with the Saturday addicts.

No fewer than five of the Toto Cup matches involving National League sides will be played this afternoon, and only three tomorrow. The pick of the week-end clashes will be today's match between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa at the refurbished Ramat Gan stadium. The game is taking place there because Maccabi Tel Aviv are quarrelling with their usual hosts, Bloomfield.

Tomorrow's plum pits Betar Tel Aviv against Betar Jerusalem in Tel Aviv.

A sign of the times - Songs and Goals will be broadcast this afternoon as well as tomorrow.

Seeds right

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter
HERZLIYA. - Top seeds in order Rick Hill of Australia, British-domiciled Egyptian Moussa Halal, Wales' Cerry Jones and Martin Shaw from England yesterday evening all duly reached their allotted places in the 64-draw men's Open semi-finals at the \$7,000 Gateway International Squash Championships here. In yesterday's quarter-finals at the Herzliya Squash Centre, all four players won their matches in straight games, with Hill and Halal coming through at the expense of their respective local opponents Jonny Kaye and Rael Goodman. Jones beat Switzerland's Stefan Grumman and Shaw put out Bob Shay of Zimbabwe.

The tournament committee also put their seedings exactly right in the women's open competition. In the quarters, two-time champion Angela Smith from England (seeded No. 1) beat local woman Jill Segal; Smith's compatriot Joyce Adams beat Suzanne van der Zanden; Chair Levine; Switzerland's Barbara Barmann (No. 3) came through against English player Rachel Taylor; and Belgium's Noelle Tracey (No. 4) got past Israeli Nadine Kramer. Hartmann won in four games, with the others scoring 3-4 victories.

In the over-35 men's semi, Halal played Harold Simon (England), while local racket Neville Barmann meets Xavier Ntari (Mozambique). In the corresponding over-40 semi, the lineup is Nick Lange (Canada) v. Sorenson and a British Isles team (England) v. Lawrence Goodman (Israel).

The tournament ends this weekend, with matches starting at 2 p.m. today (following plate competition from 11:15 a.m.) and 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Cross-country duel

By JACK LEON
TEL AVIV. - Youth and experience will clash in good measure at Saturday's 24th annual Israel cross-country championships, when the country's two male distance runners Yair Karu, 34, and 20-year-old Yehzekel Halifa fight for supremacy.

The two rivals last crossed swords as recently as February 12 at the 8km. Mages road race in Jerusalem, when Halifa finished first and Karu had to be satisfied with third place behind Tamer Ram, 21.

After winning the women's event for the past six years, Zehava Shimoni has announced that she is not defending her crown this time. Shimoni's younger sister Mizal Shalom and Rosa Seydon now look the best prospects among the 30 starters in the 3.1km. race. Among the participants will be guest runner Lisebeth Petersen, a Lithuanian who won the 1984 world cross-country title from Denmark.

The most starts at the Hayarkon Park at 11 a.m.

Israel Athletic Association general secretary Avi Stein reported yesterday that a total of 300 athletes are expected for the gathering, which includes several races for youth and a 2km. "fun-run" for all comers. Following the main event, the IAA will announce Israel's team for the 13th annual world cross-country championships being held in Lisbon next month.

York crushed

LIVERPOOL (AP). - The brave challenge of Third Division York City was ended in crushing style when they were beaten 7-0 by Liverpool in a Fifth Round replay of the English F.A. Cup soccer competition.

York had eliminated Arsenal in round four, held Liverpool to a 1-1 tie last Saturday and had an 8,000 following in the crowd of 43,000 for the replay. But, this time, the Third Division team was totally outplayed by the First Division champions.

Liverpool led 2-0 at halftime with goals by Ronnie Whelan after 15 minutes and John Wark after 28. Wark went on to score a hat-trick with further strikes after 57 and 79 minutes.

Liverpool's other goals came from John Wark (3), Ronnie Whelan (2), Phil Neal, and assistant manager Paul Walsh.

But Liverpool's joy was marred by a leg injury to ace striker Ian Rush, who limped off the 66th minute, although it was not believed to be a serious injury.

Bounding Bucks

NEW YORK (AP). - Move over, Boston Celtics, Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Lakers! Make room for the Philadelphia Bucks! "I think you saw one of the four or five best teams in basketball," Detroit coach Chuck Daly said on Wednesday night after the Bucks topped the Pistons 113-112 for their fifth consecutive victory. "They're the outstanding (Central Division) change, and until they're dethroned, they're the champs."

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THE RECENT trumpeting in Amman and Cairo, not to mention Riyadh, over the supposed "breakthrough" in the Hussein-Arafat agreement has produced unanimous scepticism and near-derision among both the Labour and Likud leadership.

This consensus is reflected in the comments of two of the top foreign affairs spokesmen of the Big Two—Simcha Dinitz, Labour's No. 2 on the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and Dr. Eliyahu Ben-Elissar, still the ranking Likud member of the committee he chaired in the Ninth Knesset. Both were formerly ambassadors, Dinitz to Washington and Ben-Elissar to Cairo. Both underwent political apprenticeship with charismatic leaders; Dinitz was Golda Meir's counsellor, while Ben-Elissar was Menachem Begin's aide. Both speak today for their parties' mainstream.

Dinitz sees the Hussein-Arafat agreement as "a move not directed towards Israel, not towards peace, not towards negotiations, but towards the U.S. in order to effect a change in the American attitude to the PLO." As he points out, only the U.S. has withstood Arab blandishments to hail the PLO "and now the PLO is doing its utmost to break down the last bastion of resistance, which possesses the decisive word—the United States. As the 'Arab season' gets underway in Washington, we see how they've begun their pressure through Saudi King Fahd, and they're proceeding through President Mubarak and King Hussein, who will be part of the line of Arab rulers reaching the White House in the coming months, together with those from Algeria and the Persian Gulf."

In the past, Dinitz notes, U.S.-PLO contacts were only on the lower security and/or intelligence level to coordinate efforts to save American lives, and Israel was always apprised beforehand. Here he recalls more serious contacts made with the PLO during Jimmy Carter's presidency, specifically by his ambassador to the UN, Andrew Young, and his envoy to Vienna, Milton Wolff. This was in clear contravention of the American commitment not to have dealings with the terrorist organization, which was written into the 1975 Sinai II interim agreement reached with Egypt through the shuttle diplomacy of then secretary of state Henry Kissinger. Dinitz, then ambassador to Washington, was one of the co-authors of the agreement.

He says "The Rabin government acted wisely, realizing that any agreement between Israel and Egypt must have an American component. It had long-term implications spanning the ensuing decade until now, integrating the role of the U.S. in the future peace process, not only as regards the PLO, but also in respect of any would-be Russian role and any talk of holding an international conference in Geneva." Dinitz noted that Israel's argument had been at the time that the Americans must get involved in order to offset the additional risks incurred by Israel in Sinai II.

HE SEES a parallel situation today, with Israel required to utilize the present excellent state of relations between Jerusalem and Washington to establish maximum coordination between the two governments. He is proud of having co-authored an agreement that has held so well.

FIVE OF THE most prominent talmudic scholars in the U.S. have formally condemned Orthodox women's prayer groups as "halachically prohibited." This opinion was given in response to a question put to them by the president of the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA).

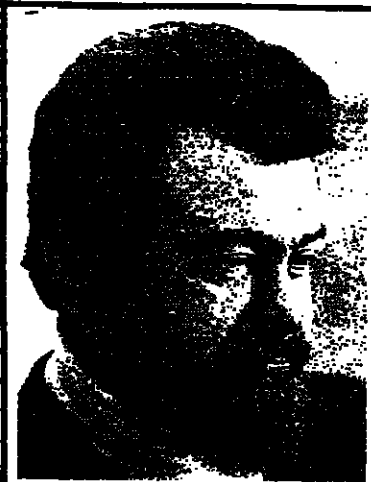
In their formal response, the five talmudists called on Rabbi Louis Bernstein, leader of the RCA, the country's largest Orthodox rabbinical organization, to prohibit the women's prayer groups without any qualification.

In response, Bernstein said that the executive council of the RCA "welcomed" the response, which he said should serve as a "guideline" for Orthodox rabbis.

The expression of official Orthodox disapproval of the still small but

The Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent Mark Segal talks to spokesmen of the two main parties about their perception of the Hussein-Arafat agreement.

Sceptical experts



Eliyahu Ben-Elissar (Auerbach)

'Hussein is riding a tiger, which he hopes will prove tame'



Simcha Dinitz (Radovan)

'Should the U.S. fall for this trick, it will lead to a stalemate'

despite mounting pressure in the past decade, which has been re-affirmed by subsequent administrations.

The Labour MK finds it ironic that then Likud opposition leader Menachem Begin had strongly criticized the 1975 agreement, arguing, "You gave land to Egypt and got payment for it from America." Begin had dismissed outright the need for an American commitment regarding the PLO. However, Dinitz adds drily, "by 1978 the Rabin government's line had become the cornerstone of Begin's policy." Here he recalls that Kissinger had stated that the commitment was given not because of any Israeli request but because it was in America's interests. As Kissinger has written, "The interest of the U.S. precludes dealing with the PLO. That organization is decidedly not assisting the peace process but only raises obstacles."

BEN-ELISSAR OFFERS a different perspective on the Hussein-Arafat agreement. "It's not only a PR gimmick, but a ploy by them both in cahoots with Mubarak to delude the Americans. Egypt, Jordan and the PLO have shared a common aim since Arafat called on Mubarak, after he was kicked out of Tripoli by Assad. They began to weave their web even before Hussein renewed his diplomatic relations with Cairo."

"They are working on ways of how best to squeeze Israel back behind the 1967 cease-fire lines including Jerusalem, and they plan to use the U.S. to this end. They want to get the Americans to bring pressure to bear on Israel. The first ploy of the

new axis was the Arafat-Mubarak meeting, then came the Arafat-Hussein confab, followed by Hussein's call on Mubarak. Of course, Arafat's aims go much further than the axis' current target.

"So far none of them has managed to get the U.S. to play along in pressuring Israel, and Mubarak needed some kind of PR gimmick from Hussein and Arafat. So finally the Egyptians got what they wanted just before Mubarak goes to Washington. However, they reached nothing of substantive significance. They could hardly do so. After all Arafat and Hussein do not share the same aims. So they reached some kind of superficial declaration, but one that says nothing in concrete terms."

The Herut MK dismisses their talk of "territory for peace" as "totally meaningless."

"It's a lovely slogan. It could also refer to Jaffa, and even mean territory without Jews..."

Even the Americans, Ben-Elissar says, have not been taken in by the PR gimmick this time, after having even taken the so-called Fahd Plan seriously. Nor have the Europeans taken the bait; neither French President Francois Mitterrand nor British Premier Margaret Thatcher, nor even the Italians, who were more inclined to gullibility where Arab declarations were concerned.

The former ambassador notes wonderingly that President Mubarak has just declared that Israel would be making a mistake if it does not accept the Hussein-Arafat "initiative." Ben-Elissar does not quite grasp which initiative the president was referring to. "He's repeating the

stated slogan that Egypt should finally abandon. For Egypt has to appreciate that no Israeli government will acquiesce in the establishment of a Palestinian state, not even a narrow Labour coalition, never mind the present national unity government. So he's wasting his time if he thinks he can sell his grand design to Washington as part of the peace momentum."

Hussein, says Dinitz, "wants a mandate without giving up his own aims, which are certainly not those of Arafat. He also wants to know how the negotiating process will end before it begins. He wants the U.S. to force Israel to accept his line, which they cannot do even if they so desired. They, for their part, tell him if we knew how the talks will end, then there'd be no need to start... Hussein wants to swim without getting wet."

I recalled historian Barbara Tuchman's interview with Israel TV in which she pinpointed Hussein's lack of courage as the source of the absence of peace, Dinitz concurs, noting that the Hashemite monarch "had lacked courage in all crucial decisions so far. He went to war when he should have stayed out; he stayed out of the fray when he might have benefited; and now he's not rising to Israel's renewed offer of negotiations when conditions are so favourable to him, especially with Labour in government."

"Hussein has always sought insurance with double indemnity. All along he's had American guarantees that Israel won't take over the West Bank, while Israel's very presence has kept the PLO from taking over. But he'd better hurry because facts are being established on the ground that will not be in his favour," Dinitz declared.

He adds that Hussein was offered a very good formula by Israel, with even the national unity government offering to negotiate without any pre-conditions. "We say we don't tie you down to any limitations. What could be more liberal than this? It is certainly a good basis for starting negotiations. If any really concrete offers were made, they might bring down the government and plunge us into new elections."

"But as we lack any partner for talks, there's no point in bringing the matter before the electorate. I think that it must be realized that even those Israelis who are ready for territorial compromise in return for lasting peace are unwilling to have things handled by parcel post," he says.

TALKING to Ben-Elissar of Egypt's role, I wondered whether the signals emerging from Cairo indicated that Mubarak was abandoning the Camp David framework. The Likud foreign affairs spokesman did not think that the Egyptian leader's agreement with Hussein and Arafat meant he had ditched the line of his predecessor totally; rather that Mubarak is dodging any real chance for reviving the peace momentum.

"After all, he knows that any bid to bring in the PLO is a non-starter. While I do not think that Egypt wishes to abandon its peace treaty, I'm convinced that the Mubarak regime would very much like to deal with a much weaker Israel."

Does he too regard Mubarak's top adviser, Osama el-Baz as the architect of the Hussein-Arafat declaration? "Certainly, together with

apparent deviation from tradition" and "an imitation of the *goyim*, since all of these customs are coming from the movement for the emancipation of women, which in this area is only for licentiousness."

"We are turning to the leaders of the RCA," the rabbis wrote, "to stand very strongly against this breach."

RESPONDING THAT: "(the rabbis) are totally falsifying what we're doing," Haut stated, "None of the rabbis bothered to contact us. Every (women's prayer) group makes it clear they are not a *minyán*."

Response authors Parnes, Willig, and Bronsiegel conceded to Larry Cohler of the *Jewish World* that they had not contacted any of the women's prayer groups in the course of formulating their document. However, according to Parnes:

One of the five rabbis, who requested anonymity, commented: "What are the women doing this for? A psychological lift? It has no halachic meaning. If they want to get their kicks, there are other ways to do it."

Asked by Cohler if he was satisfied with the thoroughness of the investigation carried out by the five talmudists before they issued their response, the RCA president responded:

"Halacha works differently than that... I don't think the rabbis have to explain how they went about it. They don't owe the women anything."

Bernstein said a number of prominent modern Orthodox rabbis who have allowed women's prayer groups in their synagogues, such as Rabbi Saul Berman of Manhattan's Lincoln Square synagogue and Rabbi Avi Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, will "now face added pressure" as a result of the response. He added, "if (Rabbi Saul) Berman wants to do this, he must now justify it—there's a *shuvah* now."

Haut said of the response: "I think the rabbis are afraid. It's never been done for women to take ritual into their own hands... before, women couldn't read or understand."

"Now we are pumped full of education, and they still expect us to sit passively behind the *mechitzah*."

Butros Ghali, (Egyptian minister of state in the Foreign Ministry). I do not believe that anything Israel will do or offer Cairo will change their policies, unless we capitulate so far as to retreat to the 1967 lines and abandon Jerusalem.

"The fuss over Taba and Lebanon on their part is so much eyewash and quite irrelevant."

Isn't Hussein putting himself at risk? "Most decidedly. Hussein is riding a tiger, which he hopes will prove to be tame. But the past should prove that he is thereby raising a question mark over the survival of the Hashemite dynasty in Jordan. After all Arafat's bid to dispossess Hussein in 1970 is part of living memory..."

Generally speaking, Ben-Elissar does not believe that Jordan is going through more than the motions of backing up Arafat and Mubarak. In fact, the king realizes that circumstances are not yet ripe for any real movement.

"In a nutshell, the Arab axis' current play may be best described by using the French phrase *coup d'oeil dans l'eau*—the sword slashing the water. They all realize that now is not the right time for any new Middle East initiative. The Saudis are going through the motions lest their primacy be challenged, while Egypt thinks that it can

reassert a leadership role in the Arab world by making as much noise as possible," he declares.

THE LABOUR and Likud MKs share similar views in evaluating the American position. To the best of Dinitz's knowledge the U.S. is treating the Hussein-Arafat declaration with much caution and has already made clear that the test is a willingness to negotiate with Israel and not to offer a face-saver to Washington. Here he adds:

"Should the U.S. persist in this sober analysis, then the prospects will heighten of Hussein taking the plunge. However should the U.S. fall for this trick, it will lead the Middle East into a stalemate, which as we know from past experience could lead to war."

As to the possibility of a U.S.-Soviet confab on the Middle East, the Labour MK believes it requires watching carefully, because experience had shown that serious developments could ensue from supposedly routine discussions. Here he recalls how the meeting of Gromyko and Vance in October 1977 prompted Sadat to make his historic journey to Jerusalem.

He discounts rumours that the Americans are somehow in the background of the Amman deliberations, concurring with Ben-Elissar's depic-

tion of el-Baz's masterminding the affair. Mubarak's counsellor, he points out, had always been the torch-bearer of the Palestinian cause in the Egyptian hierarchy. Dinitz recalls the active role of el-Baz in pushing the Palestinian case at the Camp David discussions, explaining "other Egyptians give him a free hand so that he'll take the Palestinian issue off their backs."

IF THE Americans were to consult Ben-Elissar, he would urge them to avoid getting involved in any new Middle East initiative right now. "The time is not ripe, and circumstances are not suitable for it. Our national unity government was brought into being to tackle our economic problems and settle the Lebanon issue, in that order I emphasize. Any initiative of that kind would bring down the government. Does the U.S. want that to happen?"

"If I were asked for my advice, I would tell the Americans, 'Don't touch it!' As for Soviet-American talks, Ben-Elissar believes that the U.S. realizes that any international conference Moscow envisages would be against the interests of the U.S. and against furthering peace in the Middle East."

The interviewer is the political correspondent of The Jerusalem Post.

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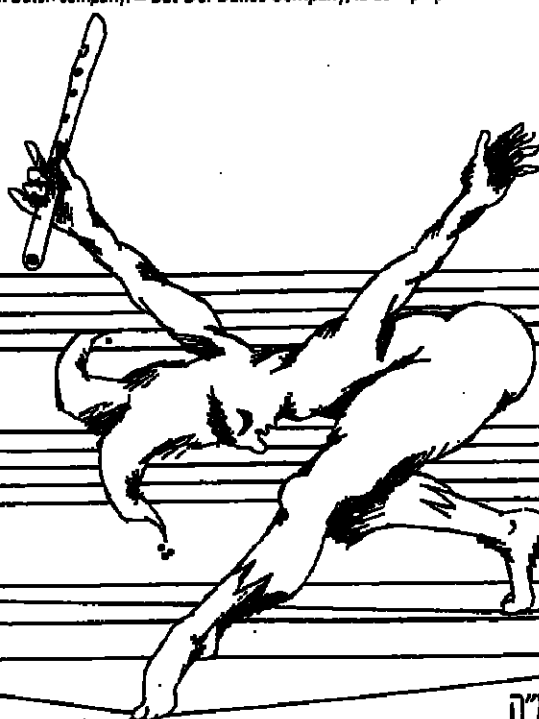
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POLITICAL PUNDITS drew attention this week to the widening and increasingly public split between two old army chums, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon.

Even before he returned home from his lengthy sojourn in Manhattan, Sharon had taken a few transatlantic stipes at his old IDF mentor over the pull-out from Lebanon. Now Arik has been intensifying his fire, arguing huffily that Rabin need not have said that the Shi'ite terrorism was a new devil let out of the Lebanese bottle.

On another occasion Sharon accused Rabin of indirectly causing Arab terror to swell in the West Bank because of hesitancy about annexing it. Rabin returned fire. There were fewer terrorist incidents in the West Bank under Labour rule than under the Likud, he said. No doubt, the hardest blow to Arik was Rabin's scoffing at Sharon's illusions of a "grand design" for a Lebanon ruled by the Jemayel clan.

Times change. It was only when Rabin became chief-of-staff that Sharon's frozen army career began to thaw. When Rabin became premier, he risked the ire of fellow Labourites by installing Arik as his advisor on counter-terrorism. Sharon returned the compliment, when he was defence minister, by calling in his old commander for advice on the siege of Beirut.

Old memories like these often cross party lines. For example, during the War of Independence Arik was extricated from a sticky situation during the inconclusive Battle for Latrun by the man we now know as finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

DESPITE HIS heavy responsibilities, Rabin seems less uptight and happier than in recent years. Perhaps that explains why he's been so forgiving to his talkative political adviser Niva Lanir after her boastful interview in New York with an old reporter pal, Ada Hos, now working for the emigre paper *Israel Sheharu*. Lanir talked, according to the interview about how she tried to influence the cabinet and how Rabin takes "my advice more than others I've worked for like Meir Pa'il and Arye (Lova) Eliav." Apparently she was modest enough to say, "I don't pretend to run the ministry." Lanir now denies giving any interview, and her boss has apparently accepted the explanation.

PRIME MINISTER Shimon Peres'



From left: Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, former prime minister Menachem Begin and Deputy Premier David Levy

CROSSING SWORDS

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historic meeting with Pope Paul John II was certainly of a more cordial nature than a previous encounter between a pontiff and a leader of the Jewish State. Pope Paul VI and then premier Golda Meir met 12 years ago, and it seems they didn't get on at all. The Holy See went out of the way to snub Golda in its official communiqué.

Labour MK Simcha Dinitz, who was then Golda's top aide, recalls an amusing incident. After Golda's audience ended, there was an exchange of gifts. Her entourage was ushered in to receive medallions from the pope. Things proceeded smoothly when Dinitz and Golda's secretary, Lou Kedar, received their gifts, but when his Holiness offered a similar present to their security guard, the young man became so flustered that he handed his briefcase, containing an Uzi submachine-gun, to the pope.

THUMBING YOUR NOSE at an emperor is not an everyday activity, and a highlight of the Peres visit in Rome was stopping at the Forum, where he stood beneath the Arch of Titus. The famous monument bears the Latin inscription "Judea Capta" referring to the emperor's putting an end to Jewish national independence. The arch depicts enslaved Hebrews carrying captured temple vessels. Poor Titus. Enjoying the view of history from his arch was not only the eighth prime minister of the

reborn Jewish State, but also Minister for Special Duties Ezer Weizman; head of the Prime Minister's Bureau, Boaz Eppelbaum; the P.M.'s political adviser Nimrod Novik; media counsellor Uri Savir; the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office Avraham (Abrasha) Tamir and military secretary Aluf-Mishne Azriel Nevo.

Twenty years ago Peres and Weizman also visited Italy together. Peres, then deputy defence minister, accompanied then premier and defence minister Levi Eshkol, along with Weizman, then O.C. IAF on some as yet classified mission. I'm told that Peres' lasting memory of that trip was how Ezer took them on a carriage ride through the streets of Naples. He took over the reins and drove the horses at a dizzy speed, threatening to overturn the carriage.

BEFORE he emanated for Rome and Bucharest, Peres was host at a Shabbat eve dinner at his Jerusalem residence for ten guests, including U.S. Jewish leaders here for the Jewish Agency Board of Governors' sessions, such as Max Fisher of Detroit, Steve and Lilian Shalom of New York, plus Lord Weidenfeld, Peres' publisher in London. Sonya Peres cooked and served with hubbly's help, but without any servants.

A day or two earlier Peres was a guest at the dinner party tendered by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek for Lord Weidenfeld, his old friend from Vienna. The publisher arrived here together with Mrs. Ann Getty of San Francisco, wife of Gordon Getty, the richest man in America according to *Forbes* magazine. They had just sailed down the Nile from Aswan, stopping off to see the antiquities, along with such celebrities as ex-U.S. ambassador to the UN, Prof. Jeanne Kirkpatrick and the exiled King of Bulgaria. Weidenfeld told me that the Wheatland Foundation of San Francisco, of which Mrs. Getty is president and he chairman, is to sponsor a conference on cultural exchange through orchestras in Jerusalem as part of the 1986 Israel Festival.

FORMER premier Menachem Begin is feeling much better, or so a faithful disciple, Knesset Interior Committee chairman Dov Shilansky, has been telling people. While the old IZL soldier prays for a return to the fray of his old commander, the top Herut leadership are treating as a status symbol the length of time they spend with Begin at his home in Jerusalem. Until this week the top of the list was held jointly by Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Yit-

zhak Shamir and Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens - an hour and a quarter apiece.

Then Sharon came visiting and stayed a record-breaking hour-and-a-half. That must have upset Deputy Premier David Levy, who has fallen way behind in this particular scramble for status. The two who most frequently see Begin are his long-time aide, Yehiel Kadishai, who calls almost daily with the mail and the papers, and former government secretary and MK Dan Meridor, who reports at least once weekly.

FINANCE MINISTER Moda'i's bid to expand his powers under the aegis of the Budget Law was a non-starter at this week's cabinet meeting. When Energy Minister Moshe Shalev fumed that, "It's unacceptable that any single minister can set himself up as a super-star." Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg passed him a note, on which was written: "Don't you mean super-sar (minister)?"

MAPAM VETERAN Victor Shemtov will soon be getting into hot water with some of his fellow politicians. Not only has he quit being party secretary-general on reaching the age of 70, but he even handed in the keys of the Fiesta car that went with the job. When someone asked: "What's the hurry?" Shemtov retorted: "I've quit the job." He then sat down and wrote thank-you notes to 44 staff members at Mapam HQ.

BETTING is on at the Foreign Ministry over who will get the job of spokesman in view of the impending departure of Avi Pazner for the Washington Embassy. Two names mentioned: deputy spokesman Elmad Goll, who came in for praise for his handling of the media during the Beersheba talks, and a recent returnee from the Washington embassy, Oded Eran.

THE LAUNCHING of an Arab satellite into space at an investment of \$220m. does not mean that Israel is falling behind. We'll be leasing part of Intelsat - the International Communication Satellite - from January 1986, so I learned from Ezer Carmel, managing director of General Satellite Co. at his Ramat Gan offices.

In five years' time we should have our own kosher satellite in space at an investment of \$100m., Carmel assured me, noting that it took the Arabs nine years to get their space act together. The company, which has among its principals former Communications Minister Meir Amit, is registered in the UK and has offices in Paris and San Antonio. Meanwhile we'll have to make do with the symbolic presence in space of two *mezuzot* and a miniature Israeli flag, to be carried by the first American Jewish astronaut, Jeffrey Hoffman, due to take off aboard the coming flight of spaceship Challenger. Hoffman, who is involved in Houston Jewish communal affairs, told *Ma'ariv's* Oded Grapot that he plans to hand over the flag to the Israeli Consulate. One *mezuzah* will go to the Jewish Museum in New York and the other to the Israel Museum.

FORMER Ihud Hakibbutzim secretary Santa Josephthal is heading the United Kibbutz Movement and Kibbutz Artzi inquiry commission into the involvement of their financial managers in grey money market speculation. I learn from Histadrut sources that the investigation will focus on the lending of \$30m. to the troubled group of Yosef Rieger and Eliezer Fishman, some \$5m. to Tel Aviv businessman Yoram Gil and more recently \$80m. to financier David Balas.

It is not very often that a South African artist exhibits in this country. The recent exhibit by Dick Shindlay of bird life and landscapes at Tel Aviv Municipal Beit Ariela Library met quite a warm response, with

many paintings being sold to Israeli art collectors. The exhibit, which was a just-for-Israel showing, was opened by South African Ambassador David de Villiers du Buisson.

WZO/Jewish Agency chairman Arye L. Dulzin has advised Premier Peres that under the WZO Covenant with the government requiring consultation on pertinent legislation, any future bid to amend the Law of Return must first be aired with the executive. He made this point in a letter to U.S. Mizrahi leader Rabbi Louis Bernstein, wherein he wrote: "A solution (to the 'Who is a Jew' issue) can only be found through compromise and understanding and not through coercion." He also reported having heard that Aguda Yisrael (and Shas) spiritual leader Rabbi Eliezer Shach opposes the amendment "because conversion according to Rabbi Shlomo Goren's Halacha are not acceptable."

THE PUBLISHER of *The Amsterdam News*, the oldest black American publication, has been touring here. Bill Tatum has been accompanied by Aliza Savir of the Foreign Ministry press division, who became friendly with Tatum and his Jewish wife while in New York during husband Uri Savir's term as press counsel. Tatum managed to meet Ethiopian immigrants, later calling on WZO Aliya Department head Haim Aharon, who briefed him on the matter. There Tatum met an old acquaintance, Aharon's senior aide, Mordechai Dolinsky. Tatum's fair-minded attitude towards Israel has caused him trouble with Black Power extremists; after his last visit here, his Harlem offices were wrecked.

Friends of the late Bank Hapoalim and Ampal chairman Ya'acov Levinson are today going to Kibbutz Tsora to attend a memorial ceremony at his graveside on the first anniversary of his death. Last night Ampal and the family, led by the widow, Nurit, held a memorial meeting at Tel Aviv's Tsavta Club.

THE FIRST public appearance of Premier Peres after returning home will be to deliver a lecture on Sunday on "Government and the Media" at the graduation ceremony of the first recipients of a diploma in journalism at Tel Aviv University. Former *Ma'ariv* editor-in-chief Shalom Rosenfeld, who heads the journalism course, will chair the ceremony, which will also be addressed by the University's rector, Prof. Yoram Dinstein.

AN ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP

TORA TODAY / Pinchas H. Peli

"THE LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts: you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him" (Exodus 25:1-2). New Jewish Publication Society translation.

He that bestowed the Law upon them: He that split the sea for their safe crossing: He that gave them the heavenly bread and provided for their upkeep in the desert - He requests now from them, that they shall give Him gifts of gold and silver and brass. Does He really need their gold or silver or brass?

No. He certainly can do without their gifts. The purpose of the campaign for gifts "from every person whose heart so moves him" was to give them a chance to respond in a tangible way to what was happening to them.

Until they came with their gifts, it was hard, if not impossible, to

fathom the extent of their real commitment. It was evidently not too hard to be swept along with the fiery excitement that engulfed everyone at the foot of Mount Sinai. Thus they called out in awe and amazement of the divine laws. "We shall do and we shall hear." Enthusiasm and vocal acceptance are much easier given than a hard penny out of one's pocket. To test the seriousness of their pledges, God ordered: "Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts." By your readiness to give, also by the sizes of your gifts, we shall find out if you mean when you say: "We shall do and we shall hear."

BESIDES THE immediate purpose

of the campaign, to collect materials for the building of a sanctuary, it also serves an educational purpose: to convert the people from passive participants in their relationship with the Lord, as constant recipients of His gifts, into active partners.

The task of bringing holiness into the world, which is the main obligation of the Jew, has always been seen in the Bible as a partnership, a combined project of Man and God. The Holy, or the Godly, can be manifested in the three dimensions of the real: in space, time and the person (depicted in an ancient Jew-

ish mystical book as *olam-space, shana-time and nefesh-person*). God that is the sole source of the Holy, as he is called in rabbinic language, The Holy One Blessed-be-He, desires to encounter human beings by meeting them half-way as partners. In time: the Sabbath, which He sanctified (Genesis 2:3) and commanded them to sanctify (Exodus 20:8); in space: the sanctuary, about which we are told here; and in person: through the mitzva, the sacred deed, which brings us into His presence every time we perform it.

The in-dwelling of God among the

people cannot take place as long as the people are passive and do nothing to help bring the sacred into the world. "And let them make me a sanctuary - that I may dwell among them" (25:8). My dwelling among them is on condition that they make the sanctuary. The same expression used here in the sanctification of space is used elsewhere in the sanctification of time: "And the children of Israel shall observe the Sabbath to make the Sabbath unto their generations." Man must start out on the path towards God, both in time and in space, in order for God to meet him halfway as his partner in the act of sanctification.

"BUT WILL GOD indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built!" This is the outcry of King Solomon at the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem (1 Kings 8:27). God, of course, is everywhere. "The whole earth is full of His glory," calls out Isaiah (6:3) And yet, both Solomon and Isaiah knew that there are special places where one goes to encounter God and be in His presence, the Sanctuary, every synagogue which was called a "minor sanctuary" (see Ezekiel 11:16 and TB Megillah 29a), every place set aside as sacred space for this specific purpose.

When Rabbi Naphtali of Ropshitz, the hassidic master, was still a young child, his father chided him and said:

"Naphtali, I will give you a guinea if you tell me where is God."
"And I will give you two," the child replied on the spot. "If you tell me where He is not..."

A NUMBER OF THINGS STAND out in this first fund-raising campaign. First of all, that it was a truly

popular campaign. There were undoubtedly a number of rich people who would have been glad to contribute by themselves; all the funds required for the building of the Sanctuary. There was perhaps even one person who would have contributed the entire sum had the Sanctuary been named for him, i.e., "The Mr. and Mrs. X Tent of Meeting." But, God tells Moses clearly that the gifts for the building of the sanctuary must not come from a select group of "big givers," but "from every person whose heart so moves him." Everybody, the entire people, must participate in this campaign.

Furthermore, it is perhaps no accident that the fund-raising campaign was announced following the detailed set of laws dealing with the meticulous care one must take for other people's life and property. (Ex. 21:12-23:19). This is to teach us that God does not want such gifts that come from ill-gotten gain, riches amassed from exploitation or crooked business. Only money earned justly and honestly is qualified to serve as a gift towards the erection of a sanctuary. This is

hinted in the words of the prophet Isaiah (56:1): "Thus said the Lord: Keep ye justice and do charity."

The rabbis (Jerusalem Talmud, Tract. *Teruma*) postulated it as law that no donation can be accepted from money that is not earned properly. Unlike the Roman emperor who proudly declared money to be "non olet" (without a bad smell), Jewish ethics was very sensitive to the obnoxious smell money can have, and which even offering it to the sanctuary cannot purify.

The Tora portion for this Sabbath is *Teruma* (Exodus 25:1-27:19). Rabbi Peli is *Norbert Blechner Professor of Jewish Thought and Literature at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev*.

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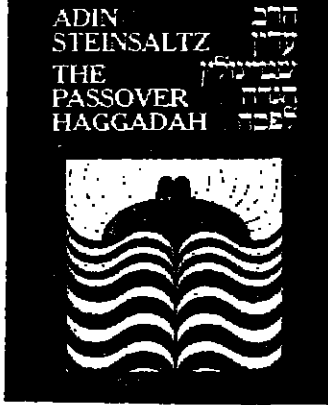
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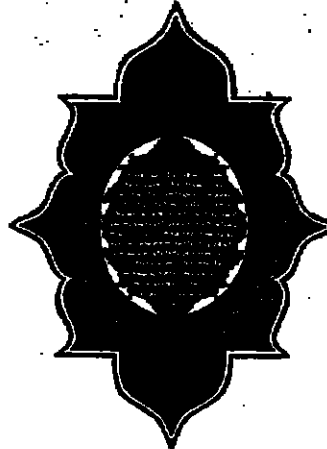


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WE HAVE recently been showered with advice from America. Some of it has been solicited, some has not – but all has come from sincere friends who are seeking to save Israel from itself. Beggars cannot even afford the insolence of rejecting advice. They must grit their teeth and force a smile of gratitude.

There are, of course, Israelis who suffer from no such embarrassment; those who swore by the remedies that come from the American pharmacopoeia even before any prescriptions were being filled out in Washington. They put with satisfaction that their tune is being called by those who really pay the piper – the U.S. administration.

But even those who know, or believe, that most of the advice we get cannot – and a good part should not – be accepted, must keep their mouths shut lest they offend the paymaster. The most they can permit themselves to explain, with the appropriate humility, why some of the advice cannot be followed. To say that some should not would be sheer effrontery.

Yet for our sanity, for the sake of retaining a last shred of self-respect, we should understand – for our own benefit, at least – the advice we are getting. And if what we say to ourselves is heard in Gat and in Ashkelon, so much the better.

Some of the well-wishers who have offered us the benefit of their wisdom do not really control the purse-strings, although they believe they have some influence with those who do. Thus we have, for example, recently heard from Professor Irving Kristol, or from William Safire of *The New York Times*.

For them, the matter is simple: Israel's troubles come from having "socialism" which, as everybody knows, "doesn't work." If we only would entrust our fate to good old capitalism, most of our problems would soon solve themselves.

ISRAEL HAS NEVER, of course, had any "socialism," according to any acceptable definition. It does not even matter that the far-reaching intervention of government in the economy – which is what the Kristols and the Safires really mean when they apply the label of "socialism" – is largely the product of our tortured history and much less the result of ideology. And strangely enough, in the years when we had most of it, it worked beautifully. Then we had the highest growth rate in the world and accumulated the human, moral and

material capital on which we have been living for the last decade.

The ideologues cannot be bothered by the facts; yet, what history has forged cannot be undone overnight, even if one wanted to do away with all its legacies of social, economic and political institutions and values. But even a counter-revolution, Kristol-style, would be of no help in overcoming the problems of the present and of the immediate future.

Counter-revolutions, like revolutions themselves, destroy before they can build – and between the destroying and the building there passes a lot of time. More time than we have.

Our answer to the ideologues and to their Israeli disciples could be simple – that we have no time for experiments and no resources to be able to afford even the destruction of what works less than perfectly. We might tell them that we have no choice but to work our way out of our troubles with the social, economic and political system that we have.

MORE SERIOUS than the counsels offered by the peddlers of ideological surplus goods are the demands that are, however politely, being presented by those who really hold the purse-strings. These demands deserve a closer examination. They have been spelled out recently by Stuart Eizenstat, adviser to former President Jimmy Carter, who did us the service of finding out precisely what they are from President Ronald Reagan's adviser, Herbert Stein.

The demands are six in number:

- To slash \$2 billion from the budget;
- To eliminate the subsidies in order to reduce consumption;
- To devalue the currency, even if it causes high inflation;
- To excise price increases from the cost of living allowance and to practice "wage restraint";
- To abolish the linkage system;
- To give the Bank of Israel more independence, so that it may refuse to print money at the behest of the government.

Let us look at these demands one by one. The first, it would seem from a glance at the budget, has nearly been met. That, however, only appears so at first sight. A closer look reveals that most of the budget cuts, except for defence, take the form of higher taxes or payments for public services.

These taxes (including the cuts in

Saving Israel from itself

By MEIR MERHAV

subsidies) amount to between 5 and 6 per cent of the gross national product. In terms of the reduction in aggregate demand – which is the whole purpose of the exercise – they would be equivalent to a cut in government operations of the same size, if one could be sure that the public would not divert savings to current consumption.

There is no assurance of that. The flow of savings may well be partly diverted to propping up the customary standards of consumption.

to reduce the real level of public services.

IT IS EASY enough to talk about reducing what is abstractly called "transfer payments." The matter looks different when one puts such cuts in their real terms – old-age pensions, child allowances and so on.

We may, for the sake of the argument, gloss over the fact that for all these transfer payments we have all been paying our national insurance

For the sake of retaining a last shred of self-respect, we should understand – for our own benefit, at least – the advice we are getting

although there is a plausible theory that people hold on to their stock of savings even when their current income is curtailed.

If the current flow of savings shrinks to replenish part of the purchasing power mopped up by the additional taxes, consumption will, of course, fall by less than the amount of the additional taxes. Moreover, the hypothesis that people will not touch their nest-eggs to bolster their current consumption is no more than a hypothesis. It follows that cutting government operations would cut consumption more, and more immediately.

The difficulty with this orthodox path of straining consumption is not that the so-called "spending ministers" in the government are obstreperous, nor is it that cutting public rather than private consumption is morally superior or that it will cause more unemployment. It is, rather, that with a budget of which more than half goes for debt service and defence, it is genuinely difficult

premiums, the accumulated funds of which are not to be expropriated. It is equally easy to talk about reducing our expenditure on education.

Matters become difficult when one remembers that education is the investment in the only resource we have – human beings. Much the same is true of health.

Granted that additional taxes may have a less-than-proportionate effect on lowering consumption, there is another factor in the economic equation. Real wages will continue to be eroded sharply, to an extent that will at least make up for the possible diversion of current savings to consumption.

In reality, it may be more than that – which means that, as nearly as ways, most of the burden of reduced consumption will be borne by the wage earners – and most of that, by those in the lower-income brackets.

This leads to the American insistence on devaluation. Devaluation means nothing but a reduction of domestic real incomes; in blunter terms – of real wages. If that can be

achieved directly, by an agreement of the workers to accept price increases without wage compensation, what need is there to pile a devaluation on top of the package?

To make sure that real wages will be further whittled down, the government has, in Package Deal II as in Package Deal I, held on to the freedom to go on devaluing the currency – and has used it liberally.

Not only is there no need for any massive devaluation – it would be dangerous to apply the textbook remedies to the Israeli economy. Devaluation would only let the genie of runaway inflation out of the bottle again and, given the indexation of accumulated savings, would immediately increase the government's domestic debt and make it immensely more difficult to service that debt.

IT IS USELESS to preach to Israel that it should do away with the indexation of financial assets. That may be desirable in principle, even possible in the distant future and after inflation has come down to levels where the abolition of indexation would not spell massive real losses. It is irrelevant for our short-term problems because any attempt to tamper with savings would dry them up or drive them into flight abroad.

Washington may not fully realize how severe a burden has already been imposed upon the Israeli economy, nor does there seem to be a sufficient appreciation of the acceptance of that burden without social unrest and political turmoil.

That may partly be the fault of those entrusted with pleading our cause in Washington. They, it seems, are often better at explaining to the Americans how well they – the Israelis – understand our economic problems and how much they themselves would like to see the American prescriptions obeyed.

A reduction of living standards by an average of 6 to 8 per cent a year for two consecutive years, in peace time, is more than can be expected from the orthodox IMF prescriptions.

The government – more specifically, the Prime Minister's Office – shrinks from policies that would cause immediate mass unemployment, hoping that a gradualist approach will always leave open options of remedial measures.

These may well be sanguine hopes. When aggregate demand is throttled back, no matter by cuts in public spending or by a reduction of

real wages, unemployment – and a further fall in aggregate demand – is the inevitable result.

Above all, the government hopes that Washington will be induced to give us the additional help we need to renew our economic growth. To that end, Washington should be told not what we expect them to demand from us, but what we are really doing – which is harsh in economic terms, and unfair in terms of social justice, and precarious in the best of circumstances.

It is easy to drive an economy into a recession; it is difficult to get it out again.

THERE REMAINS the last demand that is emerging from Washington: to make the central bank more independent. That demand is, for obvious reasons, fervently supported by the governor of the Bank of Israel, who has his share in the bank share collapse of October 1983 hanging over his head.

The argument that he was under the thumb of the finance minister and that he would have acted differently if he had had more independence has already been heard in the wake of the State Comptroller's report.

With regard to a check on the government's fiscal policy, it should be made clear that more formal independence of the central bank does not lay down any rules on how that independence will be exercised in practice.

A prudent governor will be very careful in deciding to what extent he can act contrary to the government's policy, no matter how independent his status in law.

He will never have more leeway in counteracting the government's policy than the government will

allow him. A Paul Volcker could conduct a restrictive monetary policy to neutralize the huge deficit spending of the Reagan administration only because that administration was indifferent to unemployment which that monetary policy caused.

If the U.S. administration had wanted it otherwise, the chairman of the Federal Reserve would have quickly fallen into step. Does anyone seriously believe that a Moshe Mandelbaum will have, and exercise, more power in Israel than Paul Volcker in the U.S.?

THE ADVICE we have been getting from America, in short, is no doubt all well meant. What is sound in it we have already adopted, or are about to adopt, as far as the desired effects are concerned, even if the form is different.

For the rest, we can dispense with it because we either cannot take it for practical reasons, or will not because, hard-pressed as we are, there are still some norms of social justice we can only abandon at the peril of being torn apart socially and politically. We cannot, in a word, be asked to give up our identity.

Perhaps nothing short of falling in literally with these six-point demands will satisfy Washington, and the emergency aid we are asking for will be withheld.

Would it be too daring to say, even in the midst of our present crisis, that we should bring an even greater sacrifice, tighten our belts to the point of nearly choking off our breath, so as to be able, once and for all, not to have to listen to advice any more?

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THE ENDLESS discussions regarding the relationship of Israel to the Diaspora – the radical Zionist claim that a meaningful Jewish life is impossible in the Diaspora – are usually futile or irrelevant. Tora is not, as Spinoza claimed, merely the political constitution of a nation with its own sovereignty. The rabbis taught that the *mitzva* must be observed wherever a Jew is called upon to do battle against the false gods of history. Judaism as a way of life must be realized wherever Jews build a community.

It is a total evasion, therefore, of Israel's larger responsibility to the Jewish world to offer the Diaspora only one message: "Come to Israel to save your grandchildren from assimilation." Israel should not be appreciated merely as a safeguard against assimilation or as a place of refuge against anti-Semitism.

Israel is rather the major vehicle for Judaism's confrontation with modernity. The moral and spiritual issues that surface in Israeli society challenge the basic foundations of Judaism and possibly provide new opportunities for the renaissance of Judaism. The quality of Jewish society that we build in Israel will be paradigmatic for the manner in which Judaism develops everywhere in the modern world. Involvement and concern for the direction of Israel society should not, therefore, be restricted to those living in Israel. The whole Jewish world must become involved and have an important say in the major moral and political issues that surface daily in Israel.

For a long time in history, Judaism was not involved with the public domain of power and politics. Judaism gave meaning to the individual. It taught Jews how to build their families. It provided frameworks for the celebration of the holy. It provided a structure that kept alive the major historical moments that shaped the community's self-

understanding. Jewish activity in the political sphere was limited to the fight for minority rights, religious tolerance and freedom of conscience in countries where we were an oppressed or vulnerable minority.

As a result of the rebirth of Israel, the issues Judaism must face have dramatically changed. Here Judaism must deal with those agonizing moral and political questions that confront a nation with a new sense of pride and power.

IN CONTRAST to the Western Jewish Diaspora, Israel does not provide for a neutral or secular political public arena in which to orchestrate the different competing ideologies present in contemporary Jewish living. In the Diaspora, Jews live their public life under the protective umbrella of the larger non-Jewish political order and express their personal Jewish identity within their respective schools, synagogues and community centres.

The issue facing Jewish life in the Diaspora does not necessarily lead to an open confrontation between religious and secular Jews, or between the different ideological branches of Judaism. In Israel, such confrontation is inevitable. In order to avoid suffering and violence, it is urgent that Israeli society develop secure foundations for religious pluralism and tolerance.

A long and arduous path must be travelled before we can create a healthy bridge between the needs of a modern, democratic, liberal society and the biblical and talmudic understanding of Jewish politics and nationhood. The way Joshua entered the land is hardly a model from which to learn how to tolerate different faith communities and allow different groups the freedom to express their own particularity.

It will not be easy to bring John Stuart Mill's advocacy of liberty and freedom of conscience and Isaiah Berlin's appreciation of pluralism

The challenge to Judaism

By DAVID HARTMAN

into a serious and fruitful discussion with Maimonides' and the talmudic tradition's understanding of community and freedom of conscience.

On the one hand, Judaism is a repudiation of any spiritual vision that is related exclusively to the private and intimate domains of the personal life. Judaism must be lived in the context of community, and not only in the privacy of one's family. Yet, on the other hand, if Judaism seeks expression in the communal political domain, does it not expose itself to the very corruptions that have characterized theocratic states in history?

How do you build a Jewish society in the modern world, where there is no significant consensus as to what is normative in Jewish history nor any agreement about the sources of authority out of which to build new norms? Jewish thinkers must grapple with the fact that many Jews do not perceive the Bible and the talmudic tradition as normatively binding. There are many Israelis who are prepared to study Tora but will resist to the end the imposition of religious practices which clash with their own sense of personal freedom and conscience.

Can traditional Judaism accommodate itself to the modern values of tolerance and freedom of conscience? What are the limits of tolerance for other Jews that could be acceptable to halachic Judaism? Is the modern value of tolerance

antithetical to Judaism's concern for the uncompromising rejection of idolatry? What makes for both the agony and spiritual vitality of living in Israel is the fact that these issues cannot be ignored.

In Israel there is no external non-Jewish world to inhibit the full expression of many different attitudes found in the Jewish tradition. Moral attitudes that one never expected to characterize Jewish behaviour surface here. Triumphalism, lack of tolerance for other faith communities, racism, indifference and often open disregard for the values of the dignity of the individual and for freedom of conscience can be found articulated by would-be religious leaders in Israeli society. A mature appreciation of our liberation struggle requires that we recognize the mixed blessing that freedom and power and the rebirth of Israel have brought to Jewish life.

IN ORDER to deal effectively with these issues, a certain degree of maturity and self-confidence is necessary. In taking upon ourselves responsibility for a total society, we must allow ourselves to be judged by the same standards as we have judged others. The Zionist quest for normalcy should free the Jewish people of any myth about the unique moral and spiritual powers of the Jewish soul. The Tora challenges us to become a holy people. It does not tell us that we are immune from the

moral weaknesses and failures which affect every human being.

The Jewish nation is not free from any of the potential corruptions that affect any human community that has political and military power. When Jews seek to use the legislative power of the state to impose religious practices on the community, they invite the same possible corruption that has characterized other religions that have used political power to promote their vision of life.

It is morally disastrous and religiously arrogant to claim that we have nothing to learn from the mistakes of other religions. In critically examining our social and political behaviour, we must liberate ourselves from the paralyzing concern with what will the nations say if Jews are openly critical of themselves.

To the degree that we can look at ourselves in a non-apologetic light, to that degree will we demonstrate our liberation from a fundamentally timed, and outer-directed ghetto consciousness. One of the important blessings of reborn Israel should be to free us from this painful psychological baggage.

There have been philosophers who taught that the Jewish people's role in history is to be the "suffering stranger." There are many Jews who believe that the purpose of the Jewish people is to be the moral conscience and critic of social and political injustice throughout the world.

In returning to political responsibility for a Jewish state, our role must shift from moral criticism of others to self-judgement. In coming home, the task immediately before us is to clean up our own home. If a moral message will emanate from Jerusalem, it will result not from what we say, but from what we do.

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SCIENCE has determined that humans use only a fraction of their brain power. Potential is tremendous, and studies throughout the world have chronicled the achievements of those who seem to have harnessed more of their brain's ability than ordinary mortals.

The discovery of the brain's potential owes much to German scientist Hans Berger, who in 1926 invented the electroencephalograph, or EEG. By attaching small metal plates (electrodes) against the skin of the cranium, Berger obtained readings of electrical brain activity at

different states of consciousness. The unit of this measurement was termed cycles per second, or CPS.

During regular "conscious" activity, it was determined that the mind works at 14 CPS and up – the beta wave. Beta activity is associated with left-brain functions; limited by time and space, the left brain is considered the rational conscious idea centre.

The alpha rhythms, at about 7-14 CPS were discovered by Berger in the late 1920s. Alpha activity, associated with right-brain functions, include the recording of pictures,

Brain potential

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sounds and feelings unconnected to time and space. The right brain is considered the imaginative, intuitive and inspirational side of the mind. Alpha waves are generally emitted during deep relaxation or light sleep, and are indications of more synchronized activity between right and left

brain functions.

In recent years, biofeedback stimulus-response techniques have been developed in which subjects are trained to enter the alpha band during full consciousness. In practical terms, a patient sits wired to electronic equipment that signals a

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Charles Darwin is said to have arrived at his theory of the survival of the fittest during summer dreams. Albert Einstein claimed that his Theory of Relativity was reached while he was lying in bed, recovering from an illness. Sir Isaac Newton grasped the principle of gravity while resting under a tree. Thomas Edison admitted that his solutions to work problems often came split seconds after rest following intensive work. Is it possible that these inspirations came under the influence of alpha?

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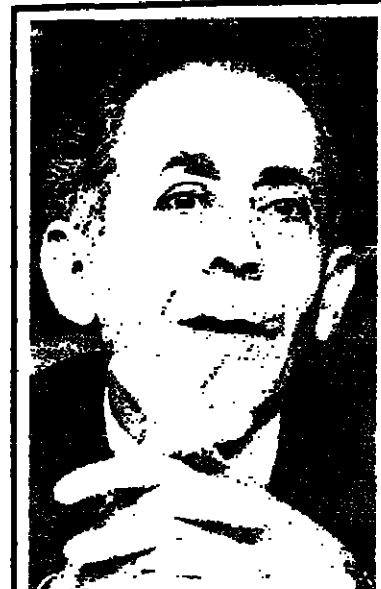
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Shlomo Hillel (above); swimming in the Dead Sea with Felix Houphouët-Boigny.



advice - on visiting the trade union chief, a man called Kabamamadi who was a Communist, cold and hostile. I had tried every gambit with him. I had described the Histadrut, our settlements, our cooperative movement. It was like talking to a brick wall.

"He received us grim-faced, without a smile. Not put out, Golda opened by saying, 'Please tell me about yourselves.' Startled, Kabamamadi responded. She questioned him only about his activities. Gradually he warmed up. He spoke for three-quarters of an hour, escorted us to the door at the end, beamed his farewell and pressed our hands."

"Golda knew how to break down barriers: it was a lesson to me."

"The two almost got into a jam at a meeting with Sekou Toure. He was cordial and explained how his country's parliament worked, with 60 members elected in 60 constituencies."

"Do different parties compete at the polls?" Golda asked innocently. "You should know that we only have one party."

"Ah, then the voters select which of the several candidates within the party shall be their representatives."

"We don't need several candidates. Each constituency has only one delegate."

"Golda was about to pursue her inquiries further. Hillel saw she was treading on dangerous ground. 'I pulled her sleeve and whispered in Hebrew, 'Golda, lay off. I'll explain everything later, please drop the subject. Thankfully she did.'"

"When Hillel first arrived in Conakry, he found it an enjoyable city. But the breach with France (and with the West) left its mark. By the time he left two years later, the place had sunk to conditions of real hardship. 'I had a daughter of six, and would ask visitors from abroad to bring bottles of milk and packets of cheese with them, to help feed her.'"

"Abidjan was different and prosperous. Its shops full of goods. 'Israel's relations with the President, Felix Houphouët-Boigny, and his government were excellent, and we provided a tremendous aid programme. But the brilliant African statesman was headstrong."

"He was an ardent Christian believer. When he visited Israel, I took him to Deganya. He saw the Jordan River, and instantly wanted to immerse himself in its waters. He started undressing. He was - to me at the time - old and fragile-looking. If anything happened to him we would be in trouble. I undressed too and we, both in our underpants, plunged into the water."

"Later in Beersheba he suddenly decided he wanted to be immersed in the Dead Sea too. But we had, I reminded him, to attend a reception at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv. Nothing would avail. He had to bathe in the Dead Sea. I got on the phone and within minutes an escort of command cars was outside the hotel where we had been lunching. A plane flew overhead. He was very impressed."

"We got to the Dead Sea; he undressed once more. What could I do? I undressed as well. We hardly had time to shower after our dip. We got to the Dan Hotel late; the guests had been waiting an hour."

"Our government clashed with him on another occasion over an issue concerning cooperation with France in aid ventures in his country. He used to winter in Switzerland. I travelled there to try and appease him."

"We ate together, but he gave me the cold shoulder. I talked, he didn't answer. I racked my brains for a subject. Unable to think of anything better, I told him about a row I had had with Golda."

"What was the row about?" "She was toying with the idea of appointing woman ambassadors. I thought that was all right as long as they were single, but there would be a problem if they were married. What problem, she asked snappily."

"Well, I answered, suppose you make my wife ambassador to the Ivory Coast. She will confer with the ministers - and I as her helpmeet shall have to visit the ministers' wives and make conversation with them about the things that wives discuss."

"On hearing this Houphouët-Boigny burst out laughing and couldn't stop. He was in stitches. The atmosphere changed, and within five minutes we had settled all the issues outstanding between us."

"It is amazing what a role purely personal factors can play in the serious business of international relations," Hillel observes with amusement.

"Reviewing the whole period, he stresses that his contacts with Golda were not particularly cordial at the start. He had been an *enfant terrible* in the Knesset, so much so that when she sent him to be ambassador to Guinea, MK Yohanan Bader undertook jokingly to apply for an injunction from the High Court - against Hillel's exile by the administration to darkest Africa."

"But relations improved during his sterling period of service in the Foreign Ministry, and when Golda formed her first government, she wanted Hillel in, as minister of police and coordinator of political contacts with Arab leadership in the administered territories."

had enough. He was so furious, he smashed the glass roof.

"Sekou Toure's speech was scheduled for the evening. He was a disciple of the Communists. I was used to left-wing ideologists and their propensity for long orations. I had sat patiently hearkening to Bert Katznelson, Tabenkin, Ben-Gurion. Poor Morrow had no such experience. So you can imagine what he went through."

"Sekou Toure started his harangue at 10 p.m. and finished at 2 a.m. We diplomats were trapped in the front row, clad stiffly in jackets and ties."

"When William Tubman, president of Liberia, came on a visit, the two heads of state proceeded down the main avenue in a limousine; the foreign ambassadors had to follow on foot. The heat was torrid; the asphalt burnt the soles of our shoes. Suddenly my friend Morrow's composure broke again and he started cursing. He shouted that he was not going to take any more of this."

"To quieten him down I said that I was suffering like him, but I took refuge in gazing at the Egyptian ambassador. 'I say to myself, as long as he goes, I go. Why don't you do the same? Look at the Soviet ambassador and tell yourself, as long as he goes, I go.'"

"Morrow apparently took my advice. Much later he told me he had never forgotten the help I'd given him in his time of trouble."

"I was friendly with that Russian ambassador too, Daniel Solod. He wasn't Jewish but claimed that he had been brought up with Jews and proved it by uttering Yiddish phrases to me. To his great perplexity, I, being a Sephardi, completely failed to understand."

"Guinea was active in the organization of Third World countries. Their first conference was held in Bandung, their second in Conakry. 'I attended the proceedings as a guest like the other ambassadors. Till the Arabs got together and told their host government that if the Israeli representative continued to appear, they would leave the conference. The chief of protocol regretfully asked me to comply with that wish.'"

"I was outraged. I went to see Sekou Toure and told him straight: 'Forget about protocol. I'm talking to you not as a polite diplomat but as a kibbutznik who fought to build up his country. How is it that Guinea, the nation that said no to General de Gaulle, now takes orders from less important governments?' I really shouted at him, and he shrank from me."

"In 1983, less than a year before Sekou Toure died, he invited me to visit him. I spent three days as his guest. He reminded me of my outburst, claiming that I had been cross with him unjustly. The conference was not his to control."

"He did sever relations with us before anyone else in 1967 on the outbreak of the Six Day War - and he explained that to me as well. He had tried to dissuade Abdul Nasser from making war with Israel. But when the chips were down, he had to maintain solidarity with the Egyptian *rais*, who was his spiritual brother."

"It was an apology - he spoke about it for almost half-an-hour. He felt he owed me an answer to a question I hadn't posed."

GOLDA MADE a tour of Africa and was received in Guinea with full honours. "She insisted - against my

"I ENTERED the foreign service in 1959," Shlomo Hillel recollects. "resigning from the Knesset to become ambassador in Guinea. What attracted me was the romance of Africa's liberation from colonial rule: we in Israel had gone through the same process."

Ten years later, in 1969, he was invited to join the government as a cabinet minister. That was the end of his diplomatic career. Today he is Speaker of the Knesset. He had his diplomatic grounding in his twenties, during the years 1946-51. He was then engaged in "illegal" immigration, getting Jews out of the country of his birth, Iraq.

"After Israel was founded, the Jews of Iraq were cut off. The transit countries in between were closed to them as well - Lebanon, Syria, Jordan. So I had the idea of moving them eastwards instead, to Persia."

"In 1949 I went to Teheran, under the name of Maurice Peres, carrying a [forged] French passport. I signed an agreement with the Persian Government, as Maurice Peres, for the transport of Iraqi Jews out of there by plane to Israel. We got 15,000 away in that manner."

"The Iraqi authorities saw what was happening and realized it was hopeless, so enacted a law in March 1950 allowing the migration of Jews to Israel. Back I went to Baghdad, this time as Richard Armstrong, holder of a British passport and director of an aviation company called Near East Air Transport."

"The company belonged to a non-Jewish American called Johnny Wootton. An English Jew called Ronny Barnett worked with us. Ronny and I were invited to the house of Prime Minister Tawfik el Suweidi, to discuss the best way of exiting the Jews from Iraq."

"I learnt a lot about negotiating in those days. For example the prime minister spoke with his colleagues in Arabic, thinking we could not understand the language. I had a hard job striving to catch every word, while pretending that I was not listening."

"Hillel will be publishing a book shortly about these and other events. 'We moved 114,000 souls out of Iraq. The *New York Times* described it as 'the biggest air migration in history.'"

IN 1959 he made his way to Conakry in West Africa, via Paris, where he brought his formal *garbancanorin* coat (what the French call a *frac*), evening wear, a top-hat. "I purchased them second-hand, we weren't flush with foreign currency. But I made a terrible mistake: the garments I chose were manufactured out of top-grade worsted."

"The heat in Africa was unbelievable. I donned my regalia to present my credentials. I sweated. By the time I got home I was soaking wet, as if I'd been dipped in a bath."

In 1961 he was moved to the Ivory Coast, and became at the same time non-resident ambassador to Upper Volta, Niger and Dahomey. That meant a lot of credential ceremonies.

"The capital of Upper Volta is Ouagadougou. I proceeded there, and had to wait three weeks because the president had unexpectedly left for France. The heat was 45°C in the shade. When the ceremony eventually took place, I went through my paces in that worsted morning-coat. I marched past the guard of honour. I made my speech, we completed the formalities. I was longing to get back to the hotel, strip and shower."

"But the president beckoned me into an adjoining room. The recording of the event had gone amiss, he said. The broadcast had to be made; the people were waiting for it. So would I mind running through the whole procedure again right from the beginning? And we did."

HE SERVED in Guinea for two years before going to the Ivory Coast. Guinea was the most militant of the African states politically. In 1958 de Gaulle called a referendum in France's African colonies: did they want to retain a link with France? "The only country that gave an outright 'no' was Guinea - and we never heard the end of it."

"If we spoke to Guineans about our 50-year struggle against marsh and desert, our illegal immigration, our fight against invading armies, they always had an answer: 'Ah, but we said no to General de Gaulle.'"

"The U.S. ambassador in Conakry was a black man, Professor John Morrow, a fascinating person and extremely likeable. Neither of us was a career diplomat (he from a university, I from a kibbutz) and we got on well."

"But he had a terrible temper, and provocations were not lacking. We were once invited to attend a political meeting in Kankan, 100km. from the capital. You must remember that Guinea had rejected all French patronage, to the point of quitting the French-franc bloc. What aid there was came from Eastern Europe, and that included the bus which took us from our hotel to the meeting."

"It had been imported from Czechoslovakia and was well constructed for the European climate, with a glass roof to make sure that none of the sun's rays were wasted. The tropical sun of Africa turned the conveyance into a hothouse. Moreover the bus broke down on the way. The temperature was too high for the engine. John Morrow had

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A worshipper at the Western Wall is undeterred by yesterday's rain. (Elihu Harari)

LARGESSE' LIST

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- with which religious circles have been studying the list. "It is like a sea and the more I study it, the deeper I sink," one head of a large institution is quoted as saying by Erev Shabbat.

One of the intriguing aspects of the list is the large number of Ashkenazi institutions listed for funds by Shas, the Sephardi Torah Guardians.

One such yeshiva is Ohr Sameach, which concentrates much of its efforts on newly religious Jews from English-speaking countries.

"We didn't get any official notification [of the intended grant]. The first we heard of it was when we read about it in the press," said the yeshiva's Rabbi Avraham Ravid.

Other Ashkenazi institutions on the list, such as the Slobodka Yeshiva, looked even more out of place there.

"I have to praise Shas for having risen above narrow political considerations," he said. He added that Shas has shown a "more national" attitude, nominating many institutions for allocations, in contrast to Agudat Yisrael, which pinpointed large sums for a few.

In any case, he hastened to add, the yeshiva would much rather receive support directly from the government than through the good graces of a political party.

A volunteer worker for Dvar Yerushalayim, a similar yeshiva, suggested that the intended grant may have been due to the interest taken by Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, former Sephardi chief rabbi and mentor of Shas, in the newly religious movement. She added that the yeshiva also has some students from Iran, in whom Yosef has taken a special interest.

Staff members of Erev Shabbat commented that some institutions listed reflect "history" and others, "seats on the planning boards."

Among the would-be beneficiaries which the weekly's staff singled out for question were the Shiva Lamekorot (Return to the Sources) Scholarship Fund and Torah Lessons, named by Shas to receive \$790,000. "Have you ever heard of it? We're sure you haven't," say the staff members, whose knowledge of the ultra-Orthodox world is encyclopedic.

Agudat Yisrael, the paper points out, named the "almost unknown" Stephen Klein Fund, for \$187,000, Spiritual Community Centres ("Have you ever heard of them?") are earmarked for \$75,000. The Be'er Yisrael Movement for Dissemination of Torah ("Did you ever see them disseminate anything?") was listed for \$80,000.

These bodies include youth movements, institutions and unidentified funds, many of which operate privately. The allocation of funds to them has never come under public scrutiny, the religious parties maintain.

Habad sources also threatened to go to the High Court of Justice unless objective criteria are established. They noted that Habad's appeal to the court last year revealed for the first time the irregularities behind the existing practice which the Knesset State Control Committee has described as "bordering on bribery."

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READERS LETTERS

ALIYA TO KIBBUTZIM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - I feel that the recent interview with returning aliyah shaliach Yehuda Oliva does not relate to the heart of the aliyah issue. What is our aliyah strategy for North America?

I have no doubt that the Orthodox community is fertile ground for promoting aliyah. While continuing the work in that area, however, we must not give up on the vast non-Orthodox majority - such a step would mean the rejection of Zionist ideology.

Recent surveys show that close to 400,000 American Jewish children are receiving some sort of Jewish education. There are now over 125 non-Orthodox Jewish day schools in North America. Our task is to reach out to these children and their families, not forgetting those who have

even less contact with the organized Jewish community.

This past month we held a national Kibbutz Aliya conference for people who had already decided to make aliyah to kibbutz and for those interested in learning more about the possibility. Out of the 200 participants, 7 per cent were Orthodox, which accurately reflects the percentage of the religious kibbutz movement in the overall kibbutz picture in Israel. The conference was extremely successful, and gave us reason to believe that it is possible to reach the unaffiliated, non-Orthodox Jewish youth in North America as well.

KENNETH BOB,
Director,
Kibbutz Aliya Desk,
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THE TRAVEL TAX SACRIFICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - I wonder how many Israelis who came here from western countries and left immediate family in the diaspora, were as shattered by the latest economic measures as I was. The news of the increase in travel tax together with a tax on the price of a ticket, was to me and my family the antithesis of positive Zionism at work. It means, literally, that my husband, I and our three children will probably never again be able to visit together our immediate family, all of whom live in America. It means that, for us, the price of Zionism is permanent separation from parents and brothers and sisters.

Because we consider family an important part of the healthy, normal development of all people (young and old alike), we have, throughout the years, put many other things aside in order to visit with them. We have no video, no home computer, no expensive jewelry, but our children see their grandparents every summer. This Pesach, we had planned to celebrate our youngest son's bar mitzva together with my husband's parents' 50th wedding anniversary. Needless to say, at their age, they are too old to come here any more. It seemed to us reasonable to find this compromise between love for Israel and love for family.

Now the compromise must become a sacrifice. For Mr. Modai, simplifying all travel abroad to luxury, has slapped an additional \$1,000 on the price of our trip. I have no idea at the moment how we will manage to meet this payment, but more important, I don't understand why we should have to.

The financial dividends to be received from this measure are, by all

accounts, minimal. Do they justify its implications for the future of immigration to Israel from the West? Zionism is, after all, one thing: renouncing family ties quite another.

IRENE T. ALPHER

Ramat Hasharon

Sir, - What a to-do about the increase in travel tax - as if it were the price of bread, or shoes, or another vital commodity!

Let me remind you, that there are very many people in Israel, and elsewhere, who could not afford to travel abroad at the former rate either. And there are still more people to whom visiting their relatives in another part of the country presents a difficult financial problem - which is aggravated by the absence of public transport on weekends.

Let's start attacking our real problems for a change, economic and otherwise!

E. WALTHER

Ramat Gan.

KOLBOTEK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - I read with sadness the news article regarding Kolbrotek's demise because of lack of budget for necessary photography to make the programme suitable for TV.

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Tel Aviv.

M. WEISS

JEWIS AND THE REVOLUTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - The opening remarks of Dr. Martin Gilbert's recent review of "The Soviet Government and the Jews" can be misconstrued. All disabilities upon the Jews were removed by the liberal government of Prince Lvov soon after the February (March) Revolution of 1917. The Bolshevik seizure of power in October (November) 1917 did not alter the legal position of Jews, and worsened the actual position of many. Thousands of Jews died at the hands of the Bolsheviks as "class enemies" and several hundred thousand fled the country. Only Jews of impeccable "non-bourgeois" antecedents did for a short time, enjoy the "limitless

opportunities" mentioned.

And it is simply not true that the leadership of the new Bolshevik Russia was "too large extent in Jewish hands." Lenin's principal henchmen like Molotov, Sverdlov, and Dzerzhinski (the founder of the secret police) were non-Jews (though Trotsky, Kamenev, and Sinoviev were Jews).

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1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year
1.08334/1.08344	1.08334/1.08344	1.08334/1.08344	1.08334/1.08344
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Volume 101,604,000

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Alcoa 37 1/4 -1/4

Allied Chem. 38 1/2 -1/2

Amer. Brnd. 65 1/2 -1/2

Amer. Can. 53 1/4 -1/4

Amer. Exp. 41 1/4 -1/4

Amer. T. & T. 21 1/4 -1/4

Beth Steel 19 1/2 -1/2

Du Pont 64 1/2 -1/2

East Kodak 68 1/4 -1/4

Exxon 46 1/4 -1/4

Gen. Elect. 62 1/4 -1/4

Gen. Food 58 1/4 -1/4

Gen. Motors 77 1/2 -1/2

Goodyear 28 1/4 -1/4

Intl Bus. 133 1/2 -1/2

Intl. Harv. 41 1/2 -1/2

Intl. Paper 53 1/4 -1/4

Merck 97 1/4 -1/4

Minnesota Mining 82 1/4 -1/4

Intl Nickel 13 1/2 -1/2

Owen 60 1/4 -1/4

Procter Gam. 56 1/4 -1/4

Sears 35 1/4 -1/4

Texaco 35 1/4 -1/4

Union Carb. 39 1/4 -1/4

United Tech. 42 1/4 -1/4

Declines after profit-taking

MARKET COMMENT

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. - A serious wave of profit-taking hit the stock market yesterday, causing a sharp decline in all categories except for two - the commercial banks, both of them in and outside the "arrangement."

The banks in the "arrangement" rose in expectation of a speeded-up devaluation of the shekel in the near future - which is expected to be more or less in line with the anticipated increase of about 15 per cent in the cost-of-living index during February. The banks not in the "arrangement" rose mainly because of a 10 per cent rise in the shares of First International.

The bank will publish its financial statements for 1984 on Sunday morning, and these statements are expected to show quite a profitable year. At any rate, the monetary turnover in First International yesterday was IS74.2 million, more than that of all other commercial banks not in the "arrangement."

Yesterday also saw a drop in the prices of the oil exploration shares, for the first time in many weeks, although now and then a bit of deluxe profit-taking had hit some of these shares. With the exception of North American IS 1, which rose by 9.2 per cent, and Terol IS 1, which gained 4.9 per cent, all other oil shares turned in a poor show. Of the 20 oil shares and options traded, 11 fell in price (M.G.N. options by 20 per cent), five were firm, and only four rose, including the two already mentioned. The rises of the other two were less than half a per cent each.

Despite the heavy falls in many "solid" shares, such as Hasheh, down by 10 per cent; Delek, down 5

per cent; Property & Building, down 8.8 per cent; Bayside, down 9.5 per cent; Teva, down 5.8 per cent; and Dead Sea Works, down 6 per cent, the "solid" shares did not go "sellers only," that is to say, there were buyers ready to pick them up at the lower prices.

The wave of selling - which financial circles do not believe, at this stage at least, will turn into panic dumping next week - was initiated by the private brokers. On the whole, the purchases were made by the mutual funds.

The feeling on the stock market was that "the table is being cleared" of some shares which were a bit too high. There will be some zig-zagging in the next few days, and then a new plateau of prices will be reached. But before this new plateau is reached, it is believed that the mutual funds will move in and pick up shares at fairly low prices.

According to one source, the mutual funds of one large bank have the equivalent of \$4 million in certificates of deposit, which will be sold to buy low-priced shares.

However, running contrary to this theory is the saying that "March is generally a problematic month on the stock market." On the one hand, many companies are interested in getting their books in good shape for the end of their fiscal year, which falls on March 31. On the other

hand, the government may adopt a policy on putting "stops" on the outflow of its funds, so that it too can show a nice set of figures at the end of its fiscal year.

In line with the expected speeding up of the devaluation, both the Gilboa and Rimona dollar-linked bonds rose in price, in some cases by up to 3 per cent.

The index of index-linked bonds themselves rose by only 0.17 per cent, but those fully linked, paying 4 per cent interest, rose by 0.72 per cent, while those only 80 per cent linked, rose by only 0.03 per cent.

Israel Lighterage & Supply will hold its annual general meeting on March 1.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices

General Share Index	125.90	-0.43%
New-bank Index	142.22	-3.68%
Arrangement	118.64	+1.09%
Bond Index	109.75	+0.42%

Turnovers

Figures in brackets refer to the previous day's trading.

Shares	152,320.4m.	(152,054.0m.)
Bonds	151,885.4m.	(151,190.0m.)
Totals	154,205.8m.	(153,244.0m.)
Advances	99	(229)
Declines	262	(371)
of which 5% +	123	(17)
"Sellers only"	5	(30)
No change	107	(119)
Not traded	29	(29)

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange daily price quotations

Closing price	Volume	% change	Closing price	Volume	% change	Closing price	Volume	% change	Closing price	Volume	% change
Commercial Banks (not part of "arrangement")			Hotels, Tourism			Asis			Gal Ind		
OHK 1	10100	58 -9.8	GalZohar 1	no trading		Angel	13394	74 n.c.	Gal Ind 1	4480	64 -9.0
Maritime 1	3673	s.o.i. -5.0	GalZohar 5	1272	354 +2.6	Angel 5	1008	52 +8.9	Gal Ind 5	1950	213 n.c.
Maritime 5	879	s.o.i. -5.0	DanHoni 1	702	186 n.c.	Shimon p	5355	67 +10.0	Dexner	1185	176 -9.0
Gen non-arr	10299	34 +10.0	Coral Beach	1060	51 n.c.	Adgar	1499	87 -1.0	Fertel 0.1	8012	36 +9.0
N. Amer. 1	4916	41 +10.0	Kenes	3310	18 -4.2	Adgar op	1310	25 n.c.	Fertel 0.5	2930	305 n.c.
N. Amer. 5	1860	144 -2.1	Yarden Hot	1208	136 n.c.	Ofis	1100	22 +3.5	HaifaChem	1850	795 -7.0
N. Am. op 1	3615	20 -10.0	Yarden Hot	760	76 +5.6	Ofis op	820	179 +10.2	Teva op. 4	13362	59 n.c.
Danco 1	850	271 n.c.	Computers	428	509 +5.2	Beruch 1	1718	2 -5.0	Tevel	740	156 n.c.
Danco 5	236	206 n.c.	Data	1071	353 -0.1	Beruch 5	859	350 +5.0	Lipshy op	1310	630 -6.0
Danco 2	530	150 +6.6	Hilon 1	2253	23 n.c.	Alaska 1	no trading		Dead Sea r	1140	830 -7.0
Firstat 5	1734	4282 +10.0	Hilon 5	4125	60 -5.2	Alaska 5	no trading		Petrochem	1250	790 -5.0
FIBI 1	1284	2359 n.c.	Y. Am. 1	1807	19 +0.1	Elkon op	579	4 -10.9	Moskon 1	1379	139 -10.0
Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")			Y. Am. 5	2103	283 n.c.	Argamam r	2760	3 +1.5	Maxima op	630	122 -10.0
IDB 1	36670	174 n.c.	Chal Champ.	1807	19 +0.1	Argamam r	2760	3 +1.5	Maxima op	711	36 -10.0
IDB 5	31230	3 +2.6	M.L.L. 1	1310	32 -1.4	Argamam r	2760	3 +1.5	Neca Chem.	2650	39 n.c.
IDB pA	191000	-	M.L.L. 5	2103	283 n.c.	Argamam r	2760	3 +1.5	Sono 1	1682	121 -7.0
Union 0.1	21310	16 +1.3	M.L.L. 1	4130	47 n.c.	Delta G1	1500	439 n.c.	Kodak	1951	-
Union 0.5	39900	9 -0.3	M.L.L. 5	1480	60 n.c.	Delta G5	1100	331 n.c.	Kodak	1951	-
Discount A.R.	30150	146 +2.1	Machov	1100	302 +11.3	U Spinners	no trading		T.G.G. 1	60	40 -6.0
D. B. ex	4650	44 n.c.	Nikav 1	1501	220 +0.1	U Spinners	no trading		T.G.G. 1	2823	-
Mizrahi r	12680	804 +2.8	Nikav 5	880	331 n.c.	U Spinners	no trading		Frutemart	11800	11 +4.0
Mizrahi b	12750	146 +2.8	Team 1	3110	59 +7.0	Vingal 1	1040	216 -5.5	Teva op. 4	1775	531 +0.0
Mizrahi on 9	3650	40 +3.5	Team op	2688	95 +2.2	Vingal 5	575	145 -8.7	Wood. Paper, Printing		
Hapozim p			Real Estate, Building			Wardona	783	252 -10.0	Dofon 1	1561	153 +9.0
Hapozim r	20830	506 +0.7	Gidat 1	1501	63 +1.0	Zabid 1	622	85 n.c.	Dofon 5	474	128 n.c.
Hapozim b	20800	52 +1.2	Gidat 5	1086	116 +0.3	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan 1	862	19 n.c.
Hap. on 8	no trading		Oram 1	410	599 +2.2	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Hap. on 9	no trading		Oram 5	184	194 -1.0	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Gen op 8	131100	-3.4	Azorim	945	1110 -4.1	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Gen op 9	53400	-1.1	Azor op E	380	1048 +2.4	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Gen Test 5	40300	1 n.c.	Elzon	270	939 n.c.	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Gen Test 7	2535	16 -1.6	Elzon op	558	249 -10.0	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Gen Test 9	131100	11 +1.4	B-Row 1	558	249 -10.0	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Leumi on 9	1970	17 n.c.	B-Row 5	558	249 -10.0	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Leumi on 11	5020	287 +2.7	El-Rov	558	249 -10.0	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Fin. Trade	18900	-0.4	Ammonon	290	89 +3.2	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Fin. Trade 5	9130	40 n.c.	Ammonon op	7300	221 -3.9	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Mortgage Banks			El-Rov 1	6180	193 -2.7	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Adzamin 0.1	2500	34 -3.8	El-Rov 5	6180	193 -2.7	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Gen Mort 1	3010	420 -1.0	El-Rov 5	6180	193 -2.7	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
Gen Mort b	2970	153 -2.3	El-Rov 5	6180	193 -2.7	Zabid 5	607	84 +5.0	Hanan op	520	47 -13.0
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Nobody was fooled

THE PRE-EMPTIVE strike cunningly aimed by Yasser Arafat at Shimon Peres on the eve of the prime minister's departure for Rome and Bucharest this week appears to have missed its mark.

What the PLO's titular head sought to obtain by his long letter to Italy's Premier Bettino Craxi, and by his visit with Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, was the consent of these two European leaders to the thesis that a Middle East "peace initiative" should, and could, be launched at this time on the basis of the agreement he had concluded with King Hussein. Arafat wanted the socialist Mr. Craxi and the communist Mr. Ceausescu to confront Mr. Peres with the text of that accord, endorse it, and demand that the Israeli leader add his signature.

The chances of success may have seemed rather better to Arafat than the sales attempt made by King Fahd the week before at his meeting with President Reagan.

Mr. Reagan, while suggesting that "it seems as if some progress has been made" in the accord, spurned a central feature of it - the idea of an international conference, with the PLO's participation, on the Middle East. He insisted on direct negotiations to resolve Arab-Israeli differences. But Mr. Craxi, the European Community's president for the first half of this year, is bound by the Venice Declaration which calls for the PLO's association in the peace process. And Mr. Ceausescu, a skilled intermediary who helped engineer Anwar Sadat's journey to Jerusalem in 1977, is known to favour such a conference.

Thus a rift between Mr. Peres and his two hosts could, in theory, have been driven by Arafat's pushing his "peace bid."

That did not happen in Rome, however, and it is not likely to occur in Bucharest. Mr. Craxi, while pronouncing the Amman accord an "important" event which represented a "move in the right direction," could not fail to observe that it deliberately skirted UN Resolution 242 as a basis for a negotiated settlement. In Venice, the Nine underwrote 242 even while accepting the Palestinians' right to self-determination. And the Arafat-Hussein calculated ambiguity on this score cannot have escaped Mr. Ceausescu's notice either.

Early this week, moreover, Nayef Hawatme's rejectionist DFLP published a version of the accord, apparently more reliable than Arafat's, which exposes the entire document as a cruel hoax.

This indicated, in so many words, that, even after the trade-off of "land for peace," the establishment of a Palestinian state confederated with Jordan, and the return of Palestinian refugees to their homes within Israel, there would still be need for "resolving the Palestinian question in all its aspects." What this cryptic formula spells is hardly a secret: it spells the destruction of Israel.

Yet even this rendition did not satisfy the PLO's top policy-making body, the executive committee. In a statement put out in Tunis on Wednesday, which seemingly approves the Amman "draft," the committee in effect tore it to shreds. It did so not only by providing that the organization should be included in an overall Arab delegation in any peace talks, rather than be tied to the Jordanians, but by stipulating that the accord as a whole "should enjoy Arab support."

An obvious olive branch extended to Syria and its Palestinian followers, this meant that the accord would be subject to a rejectionist veto.

Whether of not the Tunis statement had any effect on Mr. Peres's talks this week, it more than justified Mr. Craxi's conclusion that the time is not ripe for a new Middle East diplomatic initiative. That is because the alleged Palestinian-Jordanian option, a mere chimera, has foreclosed what might have been a genuine Jordanian opening for peace.

But times may change. And it is not good enough, in the long run, for Israel's prime minister, whoever he is, to content himself with inviting King Hussein, once freed from the PLO albatross, to make his proposals, which will then be given due consideration. Sooner or later this country's leader will have to make his own offer for peace, and if it is not based on an exchange of land - some land at least - for peace, it will lead nowhere.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. MORE PEOPLE are biting other people than ever before, and in some cases over-enthusiastic affection is behind the toothy assaults, a doctor says.

There were 218 reported cases of people biting other people in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1984, said Dr. Guy Catone, director of oral surgery at Allegheny General Hospital. The number has risen about 10 per cent each year since 1979, he said.

Catone said in about 10 cases each year, the bites resulted from too much passion between lovers.

"Lovers want to do that - bite each other's earlobe and that sort of thing," he said. "I know that people think it's humorous at first - I know I did. But it is a real problem. Somebody will bite somebody's lip off. Or a nose."

Most reported human biting, however, takes place in street fights or other violent attacks.

And Catone said the victims may wish they'd been bitten by a dog, which typically has fewer germs in its mouth than a human and therefore is less likely to cause infection.

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P.S. URI SAVIR, who is media adviser to Prime Minister Peres, was recently invited by the Foreign Ministry to lecture diplomats due to serve abroad.

Savir told an apocryphal anecdote to encapsulate the spokesman's professional secret:

A foreign visitor got lost driving around Jerusalem and asked a passing Israeli: "Where am I?"

The Israeli nonplussed him by answering: "In your car, of course!"

The foreigner drove on, and after thinking a while, turned to his companion and commented: "Actually I got the perfect reply. It was brief. It was accurate. It added nothing to the already available information." A.W.

P.S. "TODAY," writes a reader from a kibbutz up north, "I received an invitation in Hebrew for a congress marking the 40th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany. The honorary chairman of the world presidium of the congress is President Herzog, and the invitations are sent out by the Prime Minister's Office and are signed by MK Dov Shilansky. Tickets for the various events are to be ordered now. The prices for the tickets are quoted in (you guessed it) - dollars." J.H.K.

MICHAEL ALGE in "THE BRITISH WAY OF LIFE" ... OHEL SHEM-NETANYA SATURDAY 23 FEB. 9PM. ... the evening is a journey... JERUSALEM Post, Jan. 1985 TICKETS: 1. STUBAL, 2. Knesset, Netanya 307A, 20, Herzl, Netanya and at the theatre on the evening of the performance

Accounting for Lebanon

By ABBA EBAN

Can anyone conceive of a greater effrontery than that of the cabinet ministers who challenged the decision of the defence minister to enable our soldiers to begin leaving Lebanese soil on a Sabbath day? They had no objection to our pilots and other troops risking their lives by entering Lebanese territory and air space on one Sabbath after another, while the ministers and the rest of us enjoyed our Sabbath tranquillity in any way that we chose.

It is true that Dr. Burg and Mr. Shapiro gave absolutism as soon as possible, and the issue was not allowed to escalate. But this is a case in which the forgiveness is even more repellent than the accusation. It gives the impression that military decisions on Sabbath days are not as completely within the discretion of the army commanders as on other days, and that the NRP and Morasha have a particular status not possessed by lesser political breeds. Whether a delay of a military movement would entail risk of life is a quintessentially military problem. The idea of the religious parties that "the chaplains should have been consulted" raises the issue to a level of high farce. The implication is that decisions on what would or would not imperil life should pass from the military commanders to the military rabbis. It is hard to understand why we spend so much time and effort on staff training if chaplains are competent to take strategic decisions in addition to their ritual duties. The truth is that in this matter we need neither military expertise nor rabbinical diplomats. All we need is common sense and a refined moral sensitivity - enough to tell us that if soldiers are dying almost every day, one day less on Lebanon's accursed soil represents a percentage of possibility for one or more of our young men to stay alive and whole.

IF THERE IS anybody in need of penitence it is not the military leadership, but the residue of the former government on whose shoulders lies the responsibility for the expanded Lebanese war. The very people who got our country into this predictable morass are now resisting the attempt of our new leadership to get us out of it. Since there is an astounding possibility that unrepentant advocates of the insane Lebanese adventure may one day be proposed for a renewal of their leadership, we have no right to let this tragic experience slide away without a meticulous accounting for the decisions of 1982 and thereafter. In the passion of internal conflict Israeli minds were concentrated chiefly on personal consequence: who should remain in charge of defence responsibilities, who should be dismissed and who should be allowed to make an acrobatic side-

ways movement so as to be both dismissed and retained?

What is at stake is not the destiny of individuals (who seem well able to look after themselves) but the decision-making process of Israeli governments. The analysis of decision-making is now a respectable branch of international political science, and there are even attempts to devise a kind of mathematics which would liberate policy from the improvisations of individual cases and thus attain uniform criteria for arriving at decisions. Those of us who do not go as far as this in the search for systemization are not prepared to go to the other extreme and to assume that politics are inherently incalculable, with the result that nobody is ever to blame for anything. The Lebanese war is a momentous event in Israel's national history. Despite Menachem Begin's bizarre prediction that it would "cure the trauma of Yom Kippur," the Lebanese war has itself become the source of a violently traumatic experience from which our nation can never be liberated except by self-examination.

MANY NATIONS carry the recollection of an unsuccessful military

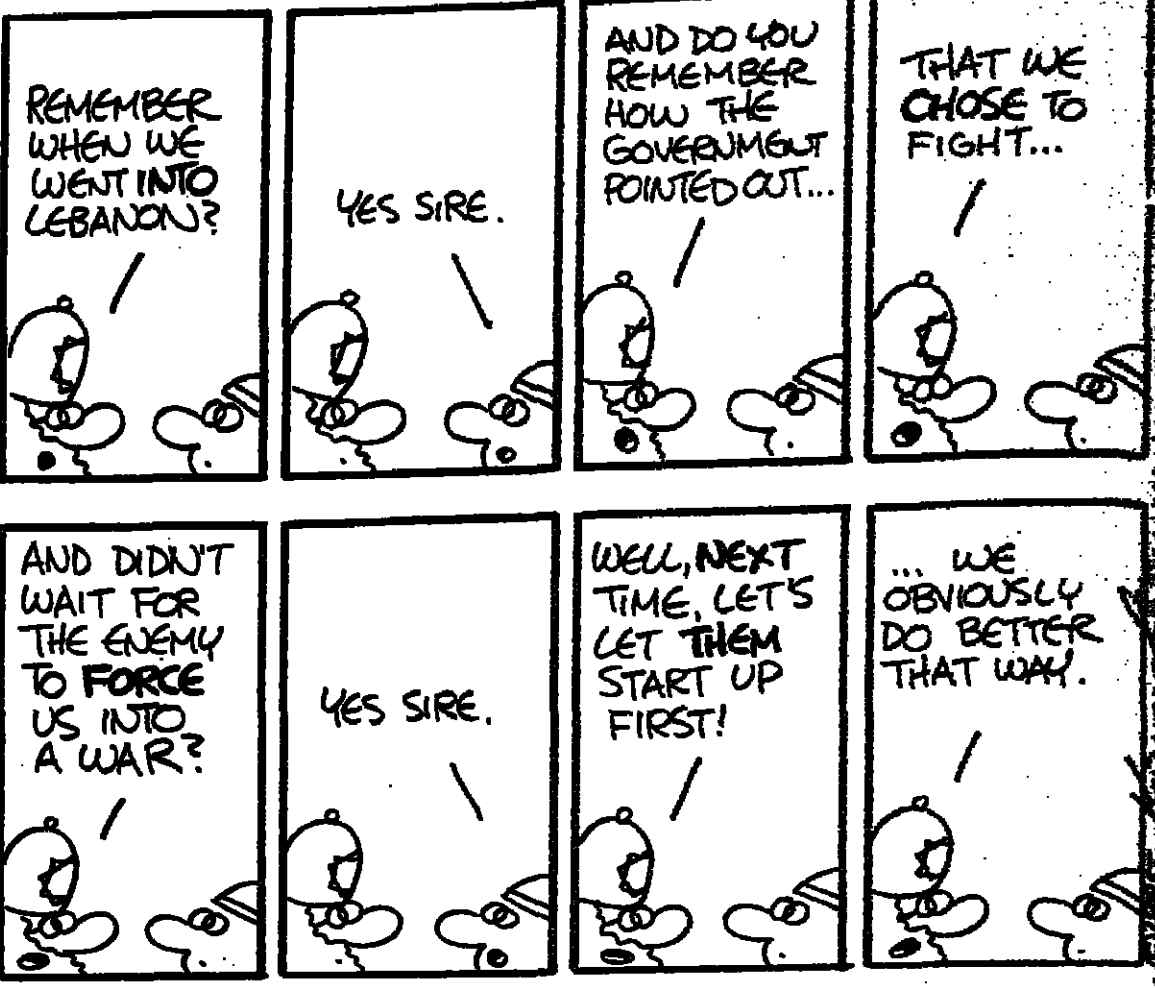
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venture into their history, and they have usually recovered so as to be able to give a new direction to their lives. But there is no case recovery without confession of error and analysis of fallacious concepts and false procedures. Israeli decision-making from the summer of 1982 onward had a frenetic quality that sets it on a high pedestal of what the historian Barbara Tuchman has called "The March of Folly."

The decisions themselves are by now well-documented, chiefly through the zeal and scholarship of Israeli military correspondents and political commentators. The Israeli government in 1982 was persuaded to act on the following assumptions:

It is possible by military action and supplementary diplomacy, to secure a radical transformation of the power balance and the political configuration of the Middle East. Such an action would stabilize Lebanon under Christian-Phalangist hegemony, reassert Lebanon's Christian vocation, bring about a peace treaty with a new Lebanon, eliminate the PLO as a military and political factor in regional politics, produce a withdrawal of Syrian forces, free Israelis

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from terrorist violence, enable Israel to ensure that "no Katyusha will ever fall on a North Israeli village again" and give Israel a predominant role in South Lebanon without the need of a permanent military presence. Mr. Sharon spoke of a "historic break-

the last. At no time was it possible for Israel to "expel" Syrian forces in conditions in which they could not return after the "expulsion." Israel held no incentives to induce Syrian withdrawal in return for its own retreat. The much-publicized "destruction of the PLO infrastructure" was never the world-changing event that it was alleged to be. It does not prevent the kind of Kkatyusha attempts that a few determined individuals can execute without "infrastructure." And the PLO retains a political veto over any further steps in the peace process.

Since September 1982, when Begin and Sharon claimed to have "defeated terrorism," there has been a massive increase in terrorist assaults with a ghastly harvest of death. The idea of a peace treaty with a Lebanon acting outside an Arab context now sounds like a hollow jest. It was never a real prospect. South Lebanon is not a haven of tranquillity or a base for common interests. It is the arena of a violent Shi'ite hostility which any serious historian would have to ascribe in large part to the Israeli entry and sojourn in their midst.

THE GAP between the goals that were sought and the results that ensued is so vast that the Lebanese war could compete for the first prize in history for political and military miscalculation. When we add, as we must, the fearful burden of bereavement and anguish and the convulsive effects on Israeli society, it becomes difficult to conceive that in obedience to national unity rhetoric we can afford not to probe into the question whether there are sane procedures of decision in the Israeli governmental structure.

How in fact are decisions taken? Are position papers carefully prepared? Do all the varying views of officers and officials reach the ears of the decision-making body? Is there an intellectual atmosphere in which conflicting views can be expressed even against the firm convictions of those with the highest rank or the most intimidating voice and presence? Does the government, when it discusses an operation in a specific country such as Lebanon have a clear picture of what that country is like today, not what it was like in the 1940s? Is it understood that to fight an optional war without a national consensus is as sensible as to fight one without planes and tanks? Is the inter-party dialogue frank and operative in matters of national security?

Do not Israelis give a greater role to the efficacy of military power in

this century than do other nations? How many Israelis close to focal points of decision have ever read a serious book about the limitations of war, with the relevant case histories? Do intelligence officers feel free to say exactly what they think without fear of penalty? Do we demonize our adversaries to the point at which we fail to understand their ways of thought and reaction? Do we believe too much in pre-emption, too little in deterrence? Is there a reasonable flow of perspectives between governmental and academic sources of information?

Anyone posing these questions about the Begin-Sharon-Sharon government would inevitably reach a negative answer.

There are plenty of questions. The Lebanese war is a bountiful source of answers. The lessons of Lebanon and of the governmental decision that led to the tragedy are about the only baggage that we can take with us as we return home. Our former decision-makers seem resolved to leave them behind. They should not be indulged. We have not won the campaign, but we do not have to lose the future.

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